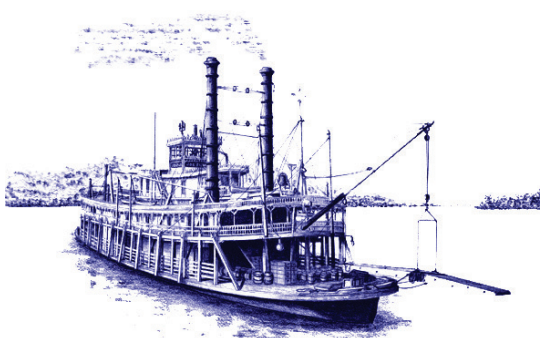




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THE MADISON COURIER

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Mayor emphasizes community economic health to RDC

BY BOB DEMAREE
Mayor Bob Courtney emphasized his commitment for investing in the economic health of Madison at Tuesday's Redevelopment Commission meeting by working to connect critical pieces of education, housing, jobs and quality of life.

Courtney's comments came as he talked about plans by Madison Consolidated Schools to develop an Early Learning Center that he said is "a critical investment" toward "fulfilling the workforce demands of

our employers in the community" with the county's inadequate supply of quality childcare having an impact on fulfilling the needs of employers.

"The Early Learning Center is going to be critical for getting people into the workforce," Courtney said.

There are more steps ahead before final approval of the Early Learning Center but Jay Roney, director of facilities for Madison Consolidated Schools, who serves in an advisory role on the Redevelopment Commission,

said the Early Learning Center will be important for the community for "young minds to grow and learn."

Deputy Mayor Tony Steinhart III, who is also the city's economic development director, said the economic health of Madison is strong, citing conversations he's had with representatives of the city's largest manufacturers. "The majority of our industry is in the growth mode of hiring," Steinhart said, noting that Royer Corporation and Grote Industries are currently

expanding with active construction projects, and other local manufacturers are in the hiring mode.

Courtney also emphasized the need for housing, citing plans for a 200-unit subdivision "at all price points" and a "market rate" apartment complex on the northeast corner of Jefferson Street and Vaughn Drive. Funding for infrastructure for both projects is part of a \$4.9 million bond Madison City Council approved earlier this month, which will also support

an amphitheater at Bicentennial Park and improvements at Damon Welch Park.

A 16-person steering committee of local community members has been created to provide advice for the permanent amphitheater.

Twelve members of that group recently visited other amphitheaters in Indiana to help assess how to best design a permanent amphitheater for Madison, said Steinhart.

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Local resident Randy Bellamy and Mayor Bob Courtney (left) talk after Monday's two-hour Madison Plan Commission meeting as other local residents gather with Councilman Joel Storm (right), who also serves on the Plan Commission.

Madison Plan Commission tables zoning decision

Riverfront apartment making issue divisive

BY MARK CAMPBELL
Members of Madison Plan Commission heard from an overflow crowd at city hall on Monday mostly opposing a resolution to amend the city's zoning map to allow apartments — and potentially other developments — to infill some of the open space overlooking the Ohio River that was long ago vacated by the businesses and industries that lined Vaughn

Drive during the community's riverboat era.

At the center of the application is a resolution by the current city administration to redefine the Riverfront District (RF) and allow a 53-unit apartment building be developed at the northeast corner of Vaughn Drive and Jefferson Street.

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney and Deputy Mayor Tony Steinhart III, the city's economic director, say the project will address some of Jefferson County's chronic housing shortage

and create a ripple effect as the availability of "market rate" apartments brings in new residents and/or leads existing residents to make the switch to apartment life and sell their homes to new owners. Combined with the Residences at Sunrise Crossing apartments and a proposed new subdivision, both on the hilltop, Madison will be able to better meet that need and provide housing at various price points.

SEE **PLAN/PAGE A3**

Brown: E.O. Muncie must be demolished

Architects say condition unsuitable for proposed ELC

BY BOB DEMAREE
A decision is still pending on developing an Early Learning Center for Madison Consolidated Schools but regardless of whether that project moves forward, the former E.O. Muncie Elementary School will be demolished at some point in the future.

Last month, the school board passed three resolutions to move the process forward for the Early Learning Center that could potentially be built on the E.O. Muncie property at 800 Lanier Drive, but more board action still must be taken.

Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown said when Schmidt Associates did design work for the potential Early Learning Center, the architectural firm studied whether the E.O. Muncie building could be reconfigured as a childcare facility.

"Regardless of whether we do something at the site with early childhood or not, E.O. Muncie has to be demolished because structurally it's not sound," said Brown, citing the Schmidt Associates report that said there's "nothing they would advise putting there," with

brick that is crumbling in the building, along with other issues.

E.O. Muncie Elementary was named after Emery Ozro Muncie, who served as superintendent of Madison schools for 43 years. The building served as an elementary school for more than 60 years but closed after the completion of the 2018-2019 school year with the re-opening of Anderson Elementary School at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

The building was then used as an alternative school and became E.O. Muncie Junior/Senior High School, but those students were shifted to Madison Consolidated High School beginning with the 2022-23 school year and the building has essentially not been used since by the school corporation. In recent years, Madison Police Department has used the building as a site for active shooter training.

A \$750,000 Employer-Sponsored Child Care Grant (ESCC) award to MCS in February 2024 began the process that has allowed the school corporation to provide childcare for school corporation staff beginning last fall in space at Madison Junior High School. Last week, childcare also opened up to a limited number of community partners.

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CHARLIE'S BEAT

Robots to invade SPOT Art Gallery downtown

Before we get into a War of the Worlds situation, with people fleeing Madison to avoid the impending alien takeover, let me clarify that the robots in question are painted on canvas, and are part of a new exhibit by artist Alann Boatright at the SPOT Art Gallery this Friday, May 16, from 5 to 8 p.m.

"I developed the robot theme in my work for a couple of reasons," explains Alann. "First, I just love the vibe of the 1950's rocket age,



CHARLIE BOATRIGHT
CHARLIE'S BEAT

when clunky and friendly robots represented optimism and possibility. My robots are kind of funny and non-threatening. But the other reason I like to use robots is they create an opportunity for further conversation and exploration about the world we live in today. The robots pull you in and then the rest of the painting makes you think and question things."

Alann Boatright is a child of the Midwest and 1960s car

culture, having grown up in Flint, Michigan, in the shadow of the big Chevrolet plant up there. "I was fascinated with how things were made and the industrial processes on display," explains Alann. "The robots in my art are probably an extension of that."

"I moved out to Colorado and pursued my art for many years, and it was very well received in the big city confines of the Denver area. But I found if I went north into Wyoming, they wanted to see cowboys. And if

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Local artist Alann Boatright who has a robot-themed show opening at the SPOT Art Gallery, at 326 Mulberry Street in downtown Madison on Friday, May 16.

Handout



Bob Demaree

Firefighters from Madison Township, Hanover and Rykers Ridge on Wednesday battled a fire on this mobile home at the Madison Estates Mobile Home Park in the 400 block of North Emmons Street.

Fire destroys mobile home at Madison Estates

2 adults, child escape injury but 2 pets died in fire

BY THE COURIER STAFF
A fire Wednesday destroyed a mobile home at the Madison Estates Mobile Home Park, result-

ing in the death of two famil pets. Madison Township Fire Chief Robert Black reported two adults and one child in the mobile home when the fire was discovered, but they all got out safely. There were also three cats and one dog that also safely got

out of the trailer, but two dogs died as a result of the fire. The fire was reported Wednesday shortly before noon, confirmed by Jefferson County Sheriff's deputies, in the 400 block North Emmons Street.

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Child, 6, dies in two-car crash in Scott County

BY THE COURIER STAFF
A 6-year-old girl died in a two-car collision at the intersection of State Road 256 and U.S. 31 in Austin shortly before 9 p.m. Tuesday. Officers from the Austin Police Department and Scott County Sheriff's Department responded at approximately 8:42 p.m. before handing the investigation over an Indiana State Police Crash Reconstruction Team.

The ISP's preliminary investigation determined that a 2022 white Toyota Camry was traveling west-bound on State Road 256 and entered the intersection on a green light to turn south on U.S. 31. At the same time, a 2008 Chrysler 300, driven by Dorothy J. Snell, 23, of Hanover, was traveling northbound on U.S. 31 and disregarded a red light while entering the intersection without stop-

ping. The Chrysler collided with the Toyota as the Toyota turned south onto U.S. 31. The driver and passenger of the Toyota were transported to University of Louisville Hospital with injuries but are expected to survive. Snell was transported to Norton Scott Hospital in Scottsburg with non-life threatening injuries.

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Worthville man facing sex charges involving minor

BY STAFF REPORTS
A Worthville, Kentucky, man who allegedly used a 7-year-old to engage in a sexual performance is scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday, May 20 in Owen County Circuit Court. Steven M. Broughton, 61, of Eagle Circle Drive, allegedly had the victim come to his bedroom and asked to look at her private parts, according to a crim-

inal complaint filed March 24 in Owen County District Court. Broughton then allegedly had the victim remove her clothes and lay on a bed with her arms and legs spread open in what investigators said was an X formation before placing his face within approximate-



Steven M. Broughton

ly 18 inches while staring at her private parts, according to the criminal complaint. He also allegedly told the victim he would kill himself if she told anyone what happened, according to the criminal complaint. Broughton was arrested and ordered held on a \$25,000 cash bond at the Carroll County Regional Detention Center in Carrollton. He was indicted May 6 by an Owen County grand jury. The incident was investigated by the Kentucky State Police.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS May 12, 2025

Robert Tracy Griffin, 56, Madison, on a Jefferson County Bench Warrant (maintaining a common nuisance). Bond \$20,000 cash. Bobby J. Morris, 50, Hanover, for Possession of Marijuana-Over 30 Grams, a Level 6 felony. Bond \$1,000 cash.

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Emanuel Mendoza Aguilar, 21, Indianapolis, for Forgery-Possess/Produce/Distribute False Government Identification, a Class A misdemeanor; Operating Without Ever Obtaining a License, a Class C misdemeanor; and on a hold for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Department of Homeland Security. No bond. Jessica M. Monroe, 35, Austin, Indiana, to serve 7 days jail, concurrent, on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.

May 14, 2025

Lillian Kay Fulton, 19, Madison, to serve 136 days jail (felony operating vehicle while intoxicated-causing serious bodily injury and misdemeanor OWI-endangerment) concurrent, on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS May 12, 2025

Charles Marshall Peelman, 27, Rising Sun, Indiana, to an amended charge of Conspiracy to Deal Cocaine, a Level 4 felony. Sentenced to 4 years at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 269 days jail served and 3 years, 96 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$1,189 in fees and court costs. Zachary Louis Harvey, 34, Lexington, Indiana, or Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 2 days jail served and 363 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

William R. Boyd, 42, Madison, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to unsupervised probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

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Jason Allen Posey, 48, Madison, to an amended charge of Conspiracy to Deal in Cocaine, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 2,190 days at Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for 17 days jail served and balanced suspended to probation with conditions of serving as State's witness plus \$989 in fees and court costs.

Larry W. Howard III, 53, Madison, to amended charges of Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony; and Corrupt Business

Influence, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 2,190 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the Level 4 felony, all suspended to supervised probation, and consecutive to 730 days on the Level 5 felony fully executed, with credit for 85 days jail served and to be served as a direct commitment to home incarceration supervised by Jefferson County Community Corrections with condition that he testify as a witness for the State in other cases plus \$1,189 in fees and court costs.

Heidi Jo Higgins, 47, Lexington, Indiana, to an amended charge of Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 180 days at Indiana Department of Correction, served, plus \$439 in fees and court costs.

Brian Lee Crum, 32, Charlestown, Indiana, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended except for 80 days jail, served, with 285 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$589 in fees and court costs.

Heidi Jo Higgins, 47, Lexington, Indiana, to an amended charge of Invasion of Privacy, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 36 days jail, served, plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Holly Celeste Hall, 42, Madison, for Possession of a Device/Substance used to Interfere with Screening Test, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 100 days jail, served, plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Rhonda Marie Barnes, 57, Madison, for Operating Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 42 days jail, served, plus \$289.50 in fees and court costs.

John K. Webster, 25, Turners Station, Kentucky, to an amended charge of Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$689 in fees and court costs.

Chase Robert Copeland, 18, Madison, to an amended charge of Intimidation, a Level 6 felony with judgment of conviction entered as a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, with credit for 4 days jail served and 361 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs and No Contact Order to continue.

Kenneth Ray McMullen, 55, Indianapolis, to an amended charge of Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 38 days jail, served, plus \$489 in fees and court costs.

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Jeanie Carol Lansberg, 56, Commiskey, Indiana, to an amended charge of Conspiracy to Deal in Methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony. Sentenced to 2,190 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 308 days jail served and 1,825 days suspended to supervised probation plus 1,189 in fees and court costs.

Charles S. Griswold, 40, Madison, to an amended charge of Intimidation-Deadly Weapon, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 6 years at Indiana Department of

Correction with credit for 123 days jail served, one year suspended to supervised probation and balance to be executed plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Jefferson County May 12, 2025

The Lamb Trust, Velen V. Lamb and Lamb Trust to Bradley E. Lamb Jr. and Shianne N. Lamb, approximately 5.7 acres at 15678 West 250 North, Deputy.

Alan J. Dirksen and Douglas D. Dirksen to Dustin Dirksen, 5620 North Graham Road, Madison.

Kindsey R. Duncan to Kindsey R. Duncan and James Duncan, part of 422 Cragmont Street, Madison.

Ivar Blaine Husby and Husby Family Trust to Aaron Charles Lewis Husby, 300 Hillcrest Drive, Madison.

Nancy J. Deuser to Lennie Jacob Wilder and Ronda Wilder, 5 acres at 10200 West Polk Road, Madison.

Beau Recon LLC to Candice Goens, Candice Renee Miller and David Wayne Miller, 245 October Street, Hanover.

Timothy D. Morrison to Kathy Keating and Sandy Potter, 2947 South Tull Road, Hanover.

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Kevin E. Dunn to Steven W. Aulback, 1220 South 1400 West, Lexington.

Jonea Schillaci to John Bozek and Laurence Bozek, 714 East Main Street, Madison.

Robert E. Phillips and Kathy Jo Phillips to Zachary Trenton Hubbard and Taylor B. Hubbard, approximately 85 acres at 5235 West 1050 North, Dupont.

Allen D. Anderson and Lisa A. Anderson to Craig Allen Anderson and Kelly M. Anderson, 10606+ West 500 North, Deputy.

Paul S. Bratton, Carol L. Bratton and Carol L. Bratton (attorney of fact) to Angela Rene Bratton, Paul S. Bratton and Carol L. Bratton, 160 North Willow Drive, Madison.

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Laura Jane Studebaker to Laura Jane Studebaker and Perry D. Parsons, 1497 East Wehner Drive, Madison.

Linda Sue Firth to Andrew D. Firth, 10669 West State road 256, Lexington.

Aditi Marudwar, Sarathkumar Balsamy, Sankalp Pampattiwar and Shruti Bandewar to 515 West LLC, 515 West Street, Madison.

Vicki Jenkins to HOLW Adel Cabin LLC, a total of approximately 24 acres at 5000+ Woodspirit Way and 5800+ West Woodspirit Way and 5800+ North Middleford Road, Dupont.

Lisa J. Green and Gerald F. Shelton and Barbara J. Shelton Joint Revocable Trust to Marshall Thomas Shelton, Lisa J. Green and Kathy L. McGriff, parts of 9 tracts totaling approximately 261 acres in the 1400 block of West State Road 256, Deputy.

Bobby Cook to Darin Wood, 6455 North 800 West, Madison.

Thomas E. Goodlett and Carolyne Goodlett to Equestrian Group LLC, 130 Miles Ridge Road, Madison.

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS

May 16

Neil Pruitt

May 18

Julie Patterson

MAY 20

Debbie Kroger

MAY 21

Judy Eades

MAY 22

Robin Cull
Tina Leas
Darlene Minor
Kathi Scroggins

MAY 23

Darlene Yarnetsky

MAY 25

Darleen Connolly

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WEATHER

Sunrise: 6:26 a.m.
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Temperature: High 86, Low 69, Mean 77.5, Excess 11.9
Precipitation since last published: .47
Precipitation, May 2025: 2.56
Precipitation, 2025: 27.43
Barometer 29.88, Steady
River Level at Clifty Creek: 426.28, Falling
Forecast: Saturday: Mostly sunny High 74/Low 54; Sunday: Partly cloudy High 76/Low 56; Monday: Mostly cloudy High 69/Low 58; Tuesday: Thunderstorms High 71/Low 60.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 2-16-21-31-36-45 (5/14). Estimated Jackpot: \$3.8 million. Next Drawing (5/17).
Cash Five: 3-10-16-21-36 (5/14)
Cash 4 Life: 2-16-30-42-55 CB: 3 (5/14)
KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 19-28-31-33 CB 3 (5/14)
Lucky For Life: 14-23-37-41-46 LB: 18 (5/14)

MEGAMILLIONS: 6-29-33-47-68 MB: 20 (5/13). Next Jackpot: \$122 million. Next Drawing (5/16)
POWERBALL: 4-10-24-29-53 PB: 4, PP 3 (5/14). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$123 million. Next Drawing (5/17)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 2-44-55-56-67 PB: 5 (5/14). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (5/17)

OBITUARIES

Lillie Virginia Morris Stephan

Lillie Virginia Morris Stephan, age 75, of Madison, IN, near Canaan, entered this life on Jan. 18, 1950, in Jackson, KY. She was the loving daughter of the late Henry and Dicie Shouse Morris. She attended Madison Consolidated High School and lived in Jefferson County since 1956. On Feb. 16, 1968, she was united in marriage to Alois “Loy” Raymond Stephan in Jamestown, TN. This happy union of 57 years was blessed to raise a daughter, Lisa; and sons, Raymond and Larry. Virginia enjoyed being a homemaker, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, and working in her garden, and flowers. Virginia died on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 12:18 p.m., at her home near Canaan, IN. Virginia will be missed by her loving husband of 57 years, Alois “Loy” R. Stephan of Madison, IN; her daughter, Lisa Stephan of Horicon, WI;



her sons, Raymond Stephan and his wife Sandy of Madison, IN; Larry Stephan and his wife Susan of Madison, IN; her grandchildren, Blaine, Cody, Meggin, Lexi, Kyle, Zach, Kyia, Justin, and Natasha; 22 great grandchildren; her brother, Earl Morris and his wife Marilyn of Switzerland County, IN; her sister, Lydia Ann Lainhart of Harrodsburg, KY; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Henry Morris, her mother, Dicie Shouse Morris, her brothers, Virgil, Henry, Jr., R.T., Bobby, Harvey, and

Bill Morris, her sisters, Alberta Morris, Betty Avis Dalton, Malvary Morris, Flora Ellen Reynolds, and Dorothy Etta Overpeck. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Larry Whelan at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens, 9306 North U.S. 421 near Madison, IN. Friends may visit Sunday, May 18, 2025, from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to Canaan Volunteer Fire Department. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Mary Alison Turner

Mary Alison Turner, born March 18, 1950, in Madison, IN, passed away peacefully on May 2, 2025, at the age of 75. A graduate of Transylvania University in Lexington, KY, she went on to become a devoted teacher who taught in the Tampa, FL, area for over 30 years, Mary dedicated her life to developing young minds in the classroom and building lasting relationships with her cherished circle of friends in her personal life. Mary was preceded in death by her parents,



Anna Goss-Turner and Oscar Turner of Madison, IN. She was blessed to have an adopted family of choice and was preceded in death by parents Albert Hall,

Virginia (Carvin) Hall, and siblings Barbara (Hall) McClanahan, and Judy (Hall) Graves. She is survived by her biological brother David Paden of Plymouth, MI, whom she was happy to discover later in life, Also survived by Jim Hall and sister-in-law Nichola Hall of Panama City, FL. She also leaves behind much loved nieces and nephews. There is no service planned at this time, the family will hold a celebration of life at a later date.

Sudonna ‘Sue’ Blake Webster

Sudonna ‘Sue’ Blake Webster, age 82, of Deputy, IN, near Paris Crossing, entered this life on Aug. 1, 1942 in Scott County, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late William Merrill “Britner” and Loretah Field Blake. She was raised in the Deputy community and graduated in 1960, from Deputy High School where she was a cheerleader. On June 18, 1960, she was united in marriage to George E. Webster at the Pisgah United Methodist Church. This happy union of 54 years was blessed with a son, Michael and two daughters, Lisa and Julie. She co-owned and co-operated with her late husband, George, the Webster’s Garage and Wrecker Service in Paris Crossing, IN, for 55 years. She also drove a school bus for the Jennings County School Corporation for 21 years. She held membership in the Indiana Wrecker Association and the Pisgah United Methodist Church. Sudonna enjoyed playing cards, putting together puzzles, participating in the bowling league, snowmobiling with



her husband, her church work, and the family farm. Many will remember Sudonna sitting on her front porch waving at those that passed by. Sudonna died on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 8:08 a.m., at the Norton King’s Daughters’ Hospital in Madison, IN. Sudonna will be missed by her loving daughters, Lisa Derringer and her husband, Randy of Deputy, IN, Julie Kiefer and her husband, Rod of Madison, IN; her grandchildren, Brandy Cardinal and her husband, Roland, Brad Hendrix and his wife, Megan, Blake Kiefer, Emily Kiefer, and Travis Derringer; her great-grandchildren, Lyrik Derringer, Owen Cardinal and his companion, Chylee, Katie Hendrix; her great-great-grand-

daughter, Gwenavene Cardinal. She was preceded in death by her father, William Merrill “Britner” Blake, her mother, Loretah Field Blake, her husband of 54 years, George E. Webster, died Aug. 20, 2014, and her son, Michael E. Webster, died Aug. 14, 1961. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 11 a.m., by Bro. Dan Corbin and Pastor Luke Richards at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Pisgah Cemetery in Deputy, IN. Friends may visit Friday, May 16, 2025, from 4 — 7 p.m., and Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison. Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson’s Research or the Pisgah United Methodist Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Registration open for HMI’s Archicamp for kids

Historic Madison Inc. has opened registration for Archicamp, an award-winning youth education program. This year’s camp will take place June 24-26 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Windle Auditorium, 500 West Street, Madison. Each day will feature a focus on Madison’s different styles of architecture and include activities and experiences in the Madison National Historic Landmark district.

Cost of the camp is \$35 per camper and includes snacks and supplies. Enrollment for the camp is limited to 12 campers. Eligibility is limited to students attending first through fourth grades in the 2025-2026 school year. Advanced registration is required. Please contact Jessica Spiess at Historic Madison Inc. at 812-265-2967 or programs@historicmadisoninc.com to register.



Deputy Mayor Tony Steinhart III, the city’s economic development director, addresses the city’s Plan Commission and a packed house at the council chambers and Madison City Hall on Monday.

PLAN

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At the opposite side of the argument is a large group of local residents who want the riverfront to remain open green space and park land much like the lineup of a dozen parks from the city’s Riverview Campground to the east to the Heritage Trail Conservancy to the west that attract residents and tourists alike. Those who oppose the zoning change also object to the scale of the proposed apartment complex. As originally proposed, the structure would stand 45 feet above flood grade and obstruct river views for some property owners in the immediate area. They are also concerned that the redrawn zoning lines would open up even more property to such development since the Riverfront District would run from Ferry Street on the east to West Street on the west.

Plan Commission Chairman Josh Wilber pointed out that the Plan Commission’s decision was not to decide if the apartments should be built at the site but whether the area’s zoning should be changed to even allow such discussions and decisions to be heard. He said the application was a zoning issue rather than an development decision.

The Plan Commission heard a presentation by Courtney and Steinhart during its meeting on Monday and then opened the floor to any and all who wanted to comment on the proposal. The meeting, which opened at 5:30 p.m. finally adjourned at 7:48 p.m. after Wilber thanked the crowd for attending and making its feelings known and cleared the chambers for a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting that normally begins at 6 p.m. By that time, the Plan Commission had reached a decision on the matter — that the decision should be tabled until next month to allow the nine members to gather more information and give those who are for or against the proposal an opportunity to provide letters, petitions and other testimony prior to a decision — especially considering that some visitors were unable to get into the meeting due to the overcrowded conditions at Madison City Hall.

Later in the meeting Courtney noted the issue involves more boards than just Plan Commission, noting the project would need several approvals from the Board of Zoning Appeals to the Historic District Board of Review and city council.

The large crowd started gathering at city hall more than 30 minutes before the meeting and a few minutes after the door opened, the council chambers and an overflow room were full and others were standing throughout city hall. Once a decision was made to table the proposal until next month, one of the suggestions several of the visitors made was to move the next meeting to a larger venue like Brown Gym on Broadway Street to accommodate more people.

During his remarks detail-



Photos by Mark Campbell

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney explains a proposed zoning amendment to the city’s Riverfront District as an overflow crowd turned out for Monday’s Madison Plan Commission meeting.

ing the resolution, Courtney said that the riverfront property slated for development had sat vacant for decades long after former owner Madison Coal Company went out of business. The city purchased the property from the coal company for \$159,500 in 2021 to control the site and oversee its development in a way that best meets the needs of the community while protecting the city’s riverfront. Faced with the housing shortage and an opportunity to leverage money from the city’s Tax Increment Finance district for state funding and private investment, now is the time to do that.

“We love the riverfront but we’re suffering from chronic disinvestment,” said Courtney. He added that issues like zoning and new construction are “not easy discussions to have” but the city has an opportunity to address crucial housing needs that are impacting business and industry.

“The only way to solve it is to build our way out of it,” Courtney said of a housing shortage that is impacting the entire state. “We can eliminate blight and not destroy our historic district” he said adding that the proposed apartments are “not high rise,” as some have suggested, “not high cost,” as some have suggested. “We respect everyone’s opinion whether they support this or are opposed.”

Steinhart, who has recruited projects like the Residences at Sunrise Crossing and is currently working on the riverfront and hilltop housing projects, said 570 households are needed in Jefferson County including 40% by young singles and couples that could be the future of local industry and the community.

Courtney noted that his staff has been looking at options for the property since buying the land in 2021. “Our staff has worked really hard to bring this to you ... and this is not a done deal. We’re still in the beginning stages.

In fact, the mayor noted that once concession has already come out of the feedback city officials received when the proposal came up at last week’s Redevelopment Commission and Carrollton City Council meetings. What was proposed as a 45-foot structure atop flood grade has been scaled back to 35 feet. He said that might reduce the building from four stories to three but after looking at the height of the original proposal the decision was made to build lower.

He also noted that while

the zoning amendment that is before the Plan Commission only involves the Riverfront District, a city committee is currently reviewing all zoning districts in the city as part of a unified update of the Madison’s Planning and Zoning document.

Councilman Patrick Thevenow, who is also a member of the Plan Commission, has so far been the most outspoken elected city official opposing the project. He was unable to attend Monday’s Plan Commission meeting in person but joined by video and once again opposed the development. Thevenow noted that Madison has been working to preserve or expand open space along the river since the 1980s and that focus has “turned the riverfront from a blighted mess into what it is now ... it would be a mistake to move away from being open space ... I’ve had more comments on this than anything in my 56 years on city council. There are 100s of people opposed to this.”

Those who spoke in opposition to the project mentioned some of the same objections that were voiced when a resolution came before city council last week and was approved 6-1 with Thevenow opposing issue up to \$4.9 million in TIF revenue bonds to provide infrastructure on the two housing projects, a permanent amphitheater at Bicentennial Park development of Damon Welch along Vaughn Drive mark near the Milton-Madison Bridge.

In addition to the height of the structure, traffic and impact on the open flow and use of the riverfront by residents and tourists, they voiced concerns over what other developments might also seek to take advantage of the zoning change from gas stations to restaurants and shops.

“I’d love to discuss better options,” said local resident Shelly Murphy Smith, later noting using the area as a location for the farmers market, food trucks, a local venue for artists and entertainment and even a museum would be preferable to a large apartment complex. “This project is wrong for Vaughn Drive,” said local resident Karen Skillman. “This is going to wall-in Vaughn Drive. Table this and work on it and come back” with a better plan.

“It’s not a done deal. This is just the start ... it’s unfortunate that bringing it up has caused so much division,” said Courtney, noting city officials will hear people out before making a decision. “We may decide to do nothing and that’s fine.”

DEATH NOTICES

Tabitha Gail Goff-Smith, 45, of Pendleton, KY, died Monday, May 12, 2025, at her residence. Arrangements will be announced by Ransdell

Funeral Home in Bedford, KY, www.ransdellfuneral.com. **Melvin Nichols, 86**, of Lexington, IN, died Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at University Hospital

in Louisville. A private family graveside service will be held at Lexington Cemetery. Arrangements by Collins Funeral Home in Scottsburg, IN, www.collinsfuneralhome.net.

Applications for Habitat’s Homebuyer Program to be accepted in June

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Applications for Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Indiana’s Homebuyer Program will be accepted June 2-30. This program offers qualifying individuals and families an affordable path to home ownership, while promoting long-term housing stability and community engagement.
The Homebuyer Program is designed for low- to moderate-income residents who demonstrate a need for safe, affordable housing and are willing to partner with Habitat by contributing “sweat equity” hours and attending

homeowner education classes. Selected applicants will work alongside volunteers and Habitat staff to help build their own homes and, in turn, gain the knowledge and support necessary for successful home ownership.
Key program components include:
• Affordable mortgage payments, typically no more than 30% of the household income
• Sweat equity: home buyers must contribute hours helping build their homes and/or volunteering with Habitat
• Financial literacy and

home ownership education
• A long-term commitment to living in and maintaining the home
To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:
• Demonstrate a need for better housing
• Be able to pay an affordable mortgage
• Be willing to partner with Habitat through sweat equity and educational participation
• Meet income guidelines for the program
Interested individuals can find more information and apply online by visiting

habitatmadisonindiana.org or contacting the Habitat office directly. Paper applications are also available upon request. Contact Habitat at 812-265-9697 swilson@habitatmadisonindiana.org
Return applications to 931 Lanier Drive, Madison, Indiana, 47250. Deadline is June 30.
Information Sessions with more details about the program will be held at 6 p.m. on May 29 at First Financial Bank, 501 Clifty Drive, Madison, and at 6 p.m. on June 11 at Madison Area Chamber of Commerce, 301 E Main Street, Madison.

Trimble flooding now eligible for Individual Assistance

BY COURIER STAFF REPORT
Gov. Andy Beshear announced Wednesday that the Trump administration has approved his requests on April 28 and May 5 to add 24 more Kentucky counties to the list eligible for Individual Assistance from widespread flooding that took place last month.

Trimble County is among the 24 counties now eligible for federal disaster assistance. Carroll County was added to the list earlier, which now numbers 37 counties impacted by the flooding.
FEMA is currently staffing a Disaster Recovery Center in Carroll County to offer in-person support to Kentucky survivors who experienced loss as the result of the April storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides and mudslides. The center is at the Carrollton Utilities Operations center, 900 Clay Street, Carrollton, and hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-7 p.m. Sunday.

In addition to Trimble and Carroll, Individual Assistance has now been approved for Breckenridge, Bullitt, Callo-way, Daviess, Garrard, Grayson, Hancock, Hart, Henderson, Henry, Jefferson, LaRue, Lincoln, McLean, Meade, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Ohio, Oldham, Pendleton, Powell, Warren and Webster counties in addition to those of Anderson, Butler, Christian, Clark, Franklin, Hardin, Hopkins, Jessamine, McCracken, Mercer, Owen and Woodford, which were approved April 25. Assistance for more counties may be requested through an amendment if assessments warrant.

“Great news — 24 more counties have been approved for Individual Assistance by FEMA following the April severe weather,” said Gov. Beshear. “This process takes time, and we will continue to request more counties be added until everyone affected receives the support they need and deserve.”
The Governor thanked President Trump, Office of

Homeland Security Kristi Noem and everyone at the federal level who helped acquire this additional help for Kentuckians.
How to Apply: Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the designated counties can begin applying for assistance at DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at 800-621-FEMA (3362) or by using the FEMA App. Anyone using a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or other similar service, can give FEMA the number for that service.
When applying for assistance, make sure:
• You upload your documents online via the FEMA App or by visiting DisasterAssistance.gov.
• Your damaged home is your primary residence.
• You haven’t received assistance for the same losses from another source, including insurance.
• You are able to be reached by FEMA at the contact information you provide in the application.
If you disagree with FEMA’s decision, you may appeal to:
• Online at DisasterAssistance.gov.
• In person at a Disaster Recovery Centers.
• By mail or fax.

As the rains began that eventually led to widespread flooding, Gov. Beshear declared a state of emergency, activated the State Emergency Operations Center and the state’s price gouging laws to protect Kentuckians from overpriced goods and services as they clean up and recover from the severe weather. The price gouging prohibition was renewed April 17.
Following the storms, the Governor urged local officials to start the federal Individual Assistance and Public Assistance damage assessments and asked Kentuckians who experienced storm damage to take photographs before cleaning up and to report the damages to their local emergency management officials.

Unlicensed gun dealer sentenced

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP
A Jennings County man has been sentenced to federal prison for operating an unlicensed firearms business in North Vernon.
David Joseph Mull, 52, North Vernon, was recently sentenced to four years in federal prison followed by two years of supervised release after pleading guilty to unlicensed dealing in firearms.
Mull was indicted in July of 2023. It is reported that in March of that same year, a customer asked Mull about the absence of a physical business location. Mull allegedly responded, “Like a store? I don’t want nobody to know. I’m probably like you, I don’t want nobody to know about it. Hopefully we can continue to do a bunch of business; I’ll keep on getting stuff.”
Court documents claim that Mull sold hundreds of firearms illegally. In 2016, he was served with a cease-and-

desist letter from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), that put him on notice that a federal firearms license (FFL) was needed to engage in the business of selling firearms.
According to records, Mull ignored the letter and continued his gun business by primarily purchasing firearms from other private sellers at gun shows across the country, instead of purchasing from those with an FFL. Federal licenses are required to generate multiple sales reports when individuals purchase more than one handgun within a five-day period but private sellers have no such obligation to keep or maintain records.
Apparently, Mull’s main customer was involved in illegal firearms trafficking across state lines and eventually transported to Mexico. Between 2019 and 2023, Mull supposedly sold

over 500 firearms, including semi-automatic handguns and AR and AK style rifles to his main customer for approximately \$350,000 in cash. Court records say that Mull had reason to believe, or even knew, the firearms would be transported out of state and then to Mexico.
Mull also ran an online firearms business during the same time frame. It is reported that he sold about 800 firearms throughout the country for a total of \$174,142.
Thomas Greco, Acting Special Agent in Charge of ATF’s Columbus Field Division said, “Anyone who engages in the business of selling firearms is required to have a license and follow regulations ensuring those firearms are not going to individuals who are prohibited from possessing them.”
The sentence was imposed by U.S. District Judge James R. Sweeney II.

Circa 1855 Park Avenue house scores \$25K PACE grant

BY BOB DEMAREE
Three projects in Madison received PACE Review Committee approval Tuesday to move forward to the Board of Public Works and Safety for final approval next week.
Those recommended for funding included PACE rehabilitation grants for 204 East Street and 611 West Second Street, and a \$25,000 grant for a dilapidated structure at 1030 Park Avenue.
Going into the meeting, only \$9,039.03 remained in PACE funding for rehabilitation projects in non-targeted areas with board chair Jim Bartlett stating funding would be determined by the highest scores.
The structure at 204 East Street, owned by John and Melanie Harrell, was

the highest scoring at 43.3 among the rehabilitation properties, receiving the full \$7,500 grant that was requested. Meanwhile, 611 West Second Street, owned by Susan Eckert, at 38.67 was the second highest scoring, and received the remaining \$1,539.03. The property at 523 Jefferson Street, owned by Kim Stone, also achieved the minimum 36 score to be eligible for grant funding, but in ranking third with 36.67 points, there were no funds remaining.
For the year, \$486,587.64 in PACE funding was available with \$121,646.91 for the non-targeted projects, which was 25% of the funds, and \$364,940.73 for targeted areas, and dangerous and dilapidated structures,

which was 75% of the funds.
For targeted areas, and dangerous and dilapidated structures, there remains \$280,589.73 for the remainder of the year. The targeted areas include Pinehurst Avenue and Walnut Street.
Robin Mingione, who owns the circa 1855 brick house at 1030 Park Avenue with Stephen Mingione, that received a score of 45. Said the house has been vacant for 30 to 40 years, and they are doing a total renovation as a single family residence. “It’s a huge project,” said Mingione. “I’m pretty excit-

ed to take on the challenge.”
A home at 613 West Second Street, owned by Sallie Plass, scored 35.3, falling just short of the minimum 36 required. Other applications were for 414 East Third Street; 757 Jefferson Street; and 209 West Main Street, all failing to meet the minimum score. There were four other applications in which no representative for those properties appeared at the meeting, and because of that they were not scored.

FIRE

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Deputies assisted in making the hydrant connection when Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Department’s Engine 321 arrived on the scene followed by the Madison Township and Rykers Ridge Fire Department, each with an engine and tanker.
Firefighters began fighting the fire with a blitz attack of two hose lines to cool the fire before attack crews were suited up to battle the fire inside. There were two interior crews backed up by a third crew — a rapid intervention team. “They got it knocked down from the inside,” said

Black, praising the work done in containing the work.
He said the way the three fire departments worked together was “phenomenal. Everybody did a great job today. It was just phenomenal. I couldn’t ask for better timing and sequence.” He also praised the work of Jefferson County Dispatch.
Animal control officers were on scene to assist with the animals along the Norton King’s Daughters’ Health EMS. Kindness Jefferson County assisted the residents with a place to stay.
An Indiana State Fire Marshall’s Officer investigator was on scene to investigate with expectations the report on the cause will be released in a few weeks.

CRASH

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The front passenger of the Chrysler was transported to University of Louisville Hospital with injuries but is expected to survive. A 2-year-old child in the rear passenger seat was transported to Norton Scott Hospital and is also expected to survive. Tragically, a six-year-old child who was also riding in the backseat of the Chrysler was transported to Norton Scott Hospital but

died from her injuries.
The investigation is ongoing, and part of the investigation will determine whether the deceased child was properly secured in the vehicle. The Indiana Department of Child Services is also conducting an independent investigation. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash and toxicology results are pending.
The Austin Police Department, Scott County Sheriff’s Department, Scott County EMS, and the Scott County Coroner’s Office assisted in the crash.

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Read more about a recently established endowment that will make a difference in Jefferson County’s future.

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The Eckerty Sisters have established the Anderson Elementary School Fund in Memory of Clarence Eckerty, their father. Clarence was a janitor at Anderson Elementary and E.O. Muncie Elementary schools. To honor and remember Clarence’s time with and dedication to the two elementary schools, this Designated Fund will assist teachers at Anderson Elementary School with field trips and classroom expenses for books, materials, software, and supplies.

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Thurston named principal at Rykers’ Ridge Elementary

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Jackie Thurston, interim principal at Rykers’ Ridge Elementary School since March, was officially named the school’s new principal at Wednesday’s meeting of the Madison Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees.
“We have been very impressed with the work Jackie has done while in the interim role,” said MCS Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown. “We had several candidates who interviewed for the position, and her experience in both the classroom and as an administrator at MJHS makes her the ideal candidate.”
Recognized as district Teacher of the Year in 2022, Thurston has been in education for nearly 20 years. Thurston began her career as a fifth grade teacher at Anderson Elementary School in 2007, where she taught until 2013. In 2013, She moved to Madison Junior High School to teach sixth grade math for three

years and then returned to MCS in 2018 to teach seventh and eighth grade math. Her course resume included seventh grade honors and seventh/eighth grade algebra and geometry, both of which earned students high school credits while at MJHS.
In July 2022, she made the move from the classroom to an administrative position, taking the assistant principal position at Madison Junior High School.
Thurston played an instrumental role in the district-wide implementation of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) while at MJHS. “We look forward to the continued growth and development of the students and staff, and know Ryker’s Ridge families are in good hands under Jackie’s leadership,” said Brown.
Thurston holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementa-

ry Education and a Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership from St. Mary of the Woods College. She also holds a School Administration Certificate in Educational Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University. She is an Executive Board Member and secretary of the Bethany Legacy Foundation, a Norton’s Hospital Foundation member, a member of Kappa Gamma Pi, and a member of the National Careers Pathway. Developing a hometown approach to leadership.
Shannon Allman, director of Human Resources, said there were other MCS internal candidates who interviewed for the position. “They all interviewed very well, and it is obvious that each one is passionate about education, personal development, and growth.”
She said MCS is committed to creating opportunities for

aspiring administrators to gain experience that will be beneficial for both the individual and the district.
“One thing that educational administrators need to be successful is time on the job,” Allman said. “We want to create opportunities for them to shadow our current building administrators and then grow into skill sets and abilities that will allow them to fill in, covering planned absences, for our assistant principals and principals. We feel this will give them much-needed hands-on experience within our district, preparing them for future opportunities.”commented about the importance of developing from within when it comes to personnel. “Our district believes that investment in our staff will benefit everyone,” she said.
“We have a tuition reimbursement program where assistance is available for those wishing to pursue coursework that aligns with their career

goals and our needs. We have a strong partnership with Bloomboard, where we currently have six staff members completing their degree in education,” Allman said. “We have several opportunities for paraprofessionals to continue their education in Early Childhood Education. Really, the options are endless for those who wish to expand their learning and have a long, prosperous career with MCS.”
In other school board action, Brandon Frye, formerly high school dean of students at Madison Consolidated High School, was officially approved as assistant principal at Madison Junior High School after serving as interim after Thurston’s departure.
A 2004 graduate of Indiana State University, Frye had been business teacher at Southwestern High School for 18 years prior to assuming the role of MCHS dean of students Jan. 3, 2023.

ROBOTS

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I went south into New Mexico they wanted to see Indians. It was a bit stifling.
So we decided to move back to the Midwest, where people understand machines and how things are made. I knew my robots would find a home here!
“My wife and I were looking for an unmoledsted mid-century modern home from the 1950s, mostly searching around the Louisville area, but we weren’t finding much. Then we got a lead on a home in Hanover, and it was perfect! It’s like a time capsule from 1957, with the Wonder Kitchen and the wall mounted fridge. Plus it has an amazing view of the river out the back. So we bought it. What we didn’t realize at the time, and we were so happy to discover, is that we also got the town of Madison in the bargain.
“We’ve been here 8 years now, and Madison just keeps getting better and better. The arts and music are on another level from other small towns. I’m gonna retire very soon from doing so many art shows on the road, and my plan is to work with the local groups and see if I can help turbocharge the arts and culture scene in Madison. I think it has so much potential to grow.
“I really encourage everyone to come out on Friday to the art opening at The SPOT on Mulberry Street. Or check it out at a later date if you can’t make Friday, it will be up for a while.
“I can promise when you look at my paintings you are going to learn something. You’re gonna be engaged and surprised the longer you look at each piece. Art can tell a story, I really believe that.
“I like to say my art, and all art really, deserves a second look. The more you study it, the more you will discover the deeper meaning. The more you will question. You’ll find yourself in a discussion about mental health or equal rights or second chances.
“I even explore the advent of artificial intelligence and where that might be going. There are layers of meaning, and the robots serve as your friendly guide to catch your eye and pull you in. I look forward to meeting everyone at the exhibit and engaging in these conversations.”

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK
We got a couple of interesting shows you

might want to consider this week.
On Friday there is jazz music on the lawn out at Eleutherian College. It’s really fun to bring a lawn chair and enjoy music in that historic environment.
On Saturday, Rusty Bladen put together a very special tribute to Neil Young that will be super cool.
I want to give a shout out to the newly opened Mad Paddle Brewstillery that has been really killing it lately.
I went there last Friday and it was packed! The energy was great, the craft beer and food were flowing, and the music was bumping!
Kudos to those guys for re-opening that venue and doing it right!
Oh, and in case you missed it, Live Lunch is back rolling again at the Broadway Fountain, every Friday at 11:30 a.m.
Very lively and fun scene there to kick off the weekend.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE
Friday, May 16
Riverboat Inn — Joe & Deano (7-10 p.m.)
Rivertown Grill — Crossfire Band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Lighthouse — Fall City Boys (8-11 p.m.)
Mad Paddle Brewstillery — The Rhizomes (Hanover College) (7 p.m.)
Mad Paddle Brewstillery — Karaoke (9 p.m.)
1st Street Saloon — Ruben Guthrie Duo
Broadway Fountain — Applegate and Rock (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)
Timeless LIVE! — Leather & Lace (7:30-11:30 p.m.)
American Legion — Hanks Last Ride (8 p.m.-Midnight)
Eleutherian College — Madison Jazz Band (6 p.m.)
Saturday, May 17
1st Street Saloon — DJ Nate
Rivertown Grill — The River Valley Boys (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Timeless LIVE! — The Les Masters Band (8-11:30 p.m.)
Riverboat Inn — Erik Brunner
Ohio Theatre — Rusty Bladen Tribute to Neil Young (8 p.m.)
Madison Farmers Market — Noah Davis & Johah VanHouten (10 a.m.-Noon)
Lighthouse — Eli & AJ Band (8-11 p.m.)
Thomas Family Winery — Connor Dermon (7 p.m.)
Mad Paddle Brewstillery — Another Fine Mess (7 p.m.)
The Drake — Joe & Deano (7-10 p.m.)
Sunday, May 18
Rivertown Grill — Andrew Palmer (8-11 p.m.)

MUNCIE

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The funding for that grant expires May 31, and in order not to lose that money, the school board approved \$200,767.96 to purchase furniture from Lakeshore for the early childhood program that can be used in the potential new Early Learning Center.
The board also approved paying \$98,500 from the grant to eSolve Solutions for consulting services from Aug. 1, 2024 through May 23, 2025, for development of the feasibility study considering the creation of the Early Learning Center that included research, data analysis, partner development, marketing and communications. Additionally, \$2,000 was approved from the ESCC grant for six to eight one-hour sessions as needed for the Early Learning Center with Rick Roll, chief executive officer with eSolve.
During Tuesday’s meeting of the Madison school board, action included declaring food service equipment at the E.O. Muncie building obsolete to the school corporation including an oven, stainless steel work tables, pan rack, and mixer and attachments.
Also, in preparation for Saturday’s Cubs Big Red Rally fundraising event, the board approved declaring obsolete several items from E.O. Muncie to be sold as part of the silent auction that included the scoreboard, gym floor, basketball backboard and welcome sign. The board also approved declaring other items obsolete that will be sold in the silent auction that includes four-sport sectional and Hoosier Hills Conference banners, and HHC wooden signs with school logos on them.
In other business at Wednesday’s, meeting the board:
• Approved a 45-minute early release for each Wednesday for the entire 2025-26 school year with the exception of the first day of school Aug. 6 and the last day of school Wednesday, May 27, 2026.
The early release program allows staff an opportunity to meet together to review student data and make plans to address student needs with the purpose of improving teaching and learning across the district.
“We did implement those this year, and we found great success in doing so,” said Brown.
“I know sometimes it’s hard on parents to have these early release dates, but like Dr. Brown says, I’ve heard

nothing but positive feedback from it, and I think as we continue to do it, it’s really going to help move our scores,” Board member Jodi Yancey said. “I’m very happy that we have moved to this.”
Board president John Wallace said it serves to allow staff a “chance to collaborate and get on the same page, and that’s huge for our students. I do appreciate everybody’s effort and the parents’ understanding.”
• Approved a consulting agreement for teacher summit programming with Carrie Rosebrock of Rosebrock Consulting Inc. for \$6,000. Rosebrock is author of “Arrows: A System-Based Approach to School Leadership,” which has been the model for the professional learning communities (PLC) program that the school corporation has been utilizing each Wednesday.

Avoiding Probate Court: Utilizing Transfer on Death Options



Layin’ it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
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Probate can be a complex process. However, there are straightforward methods to potentially avoid it. This document outlines three common strategies.

Transfer on Death for Stocks, Bonds, and Brokerage Accounts

For individuals who own stock certificates or brokerage accounts, the “Transfer on Death” (TOD) option, sometimes referred to as the “Uniform Transfer on Death Securities Registration,” can be a valuable tool for bypassing probate.
This method allows you to designate a beneficiary to inherit specific stocks, bonds, and brokerage accounts. To initiate this process, the security holder completes a designated form. Upon the holder’s death, the named beneficiary will receive the

assets.
These forms are typically available at county tax auditor’s offices and from most banks and stock brokerage firms.
Importantly, completing this form does not transfer immediate ownership of the assets. The owner retains 100% control during their lifetime. The TOD designation simply ensures that the assets are reissued to the beneficiary upon death. To receive the reissued assets, the beneficiary typically only needs to provide proof of identity, such as a passport, driver’s license, or voter registration.

Extending Transfer on Death to Other Assets

The “Transfer on Death” option isn’t limited to securities and bonds. In certain states, it can also be applied to automobiles, boats, and motor homes.
The process remains the same: the owner retains full ownership until death, at which point the ownership is transferred to the designated beneficiary.
Approximately 30 states allow for this efficient asset transfer method. Using this approach can result in substantial savings on legal expenses and prevent potential delays.

Payable on Death (POD) Bank Accounts

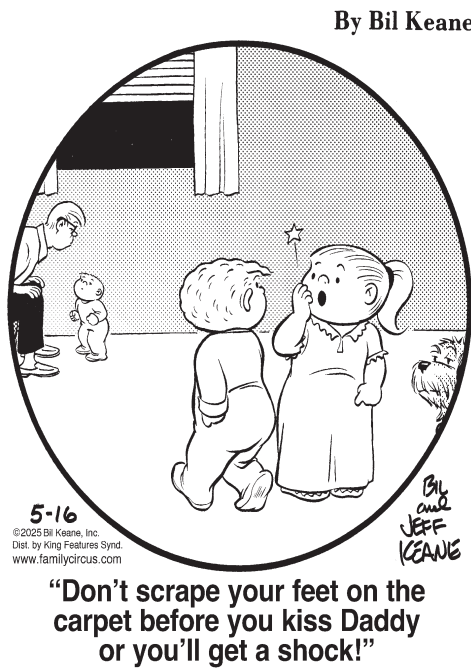
Funds held in bank accounts can also avoid probate through the use of “Payable on Death” (POD) designations.
POD accounts offer a

making the last student day May 27, 2026. Also, the school calendar was approved for the 2026-27 school year, closing school also during Thanksgiving week Nov. 23-27, with the first student day Aug. 5, 2026 and last student day May 21, 2027.
• Approved declaring obsolete three 2014 Bluebird school buses, a 2001 Chevrolet cargo van and a 1982 band semi-trailer. The transportation department will be utilizing Beckort Auction Service to sell the surplus vehicles.
• Approved a contract for \$8,287.50 with Managed Methods cloud-based security to better manage data by providing automatic controls for the Google cloud data that MCS does not currently have. The funds will be paid from the technology budget.

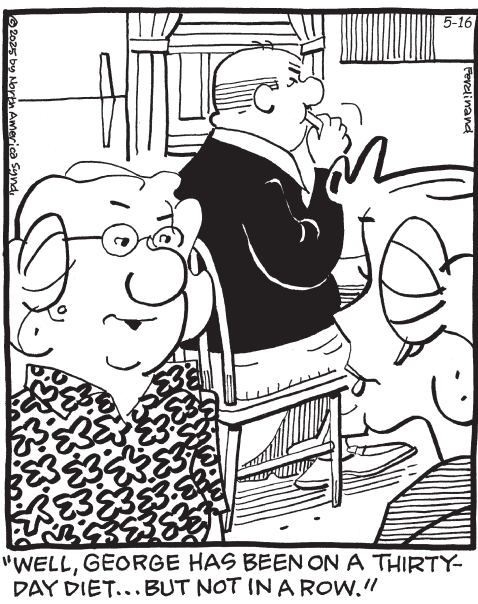
simple way to ensure that funds, regardless of the amount, pass directly to a beneficiary upon death. The bank provides a form to name the intended beneficiary.
As long as the account owner is alive, the beneficiary has no rights to the funds. The owner retains complete control, can spend the money, and can change the beneficiary at any time.

Important Note:
As with any significant financial decision, it is strongly recommended to consult with a qualified professional. They can provide up-to-date information regarding changes in laws and advise on potential tax implications.
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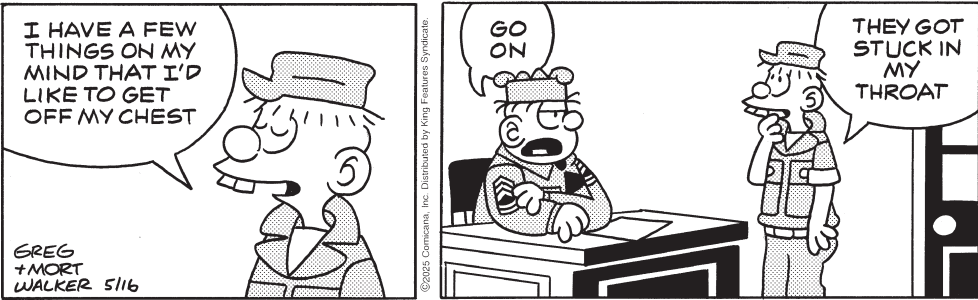
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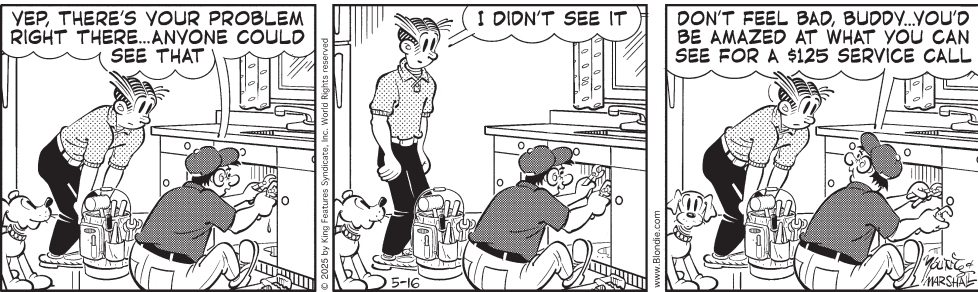
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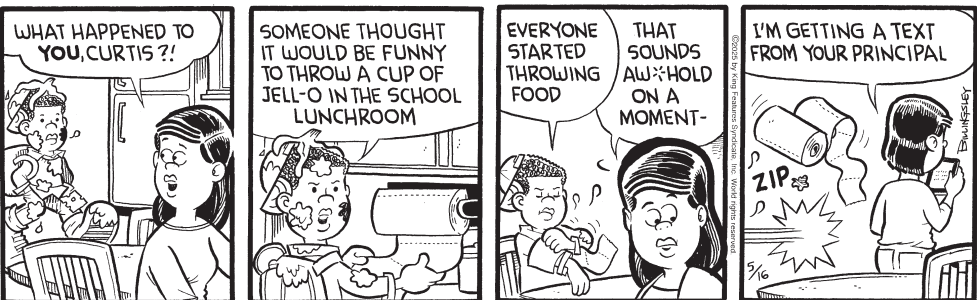
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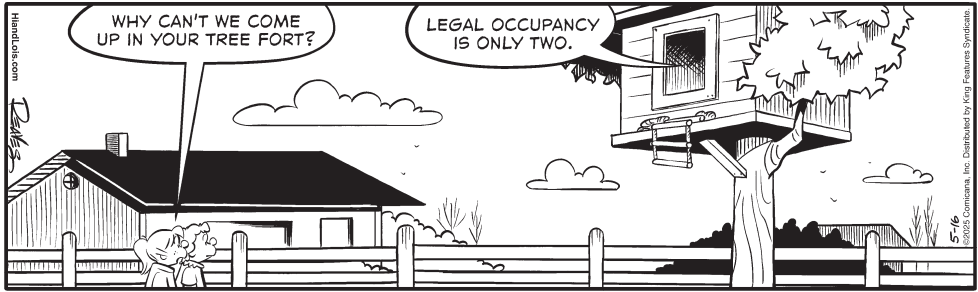
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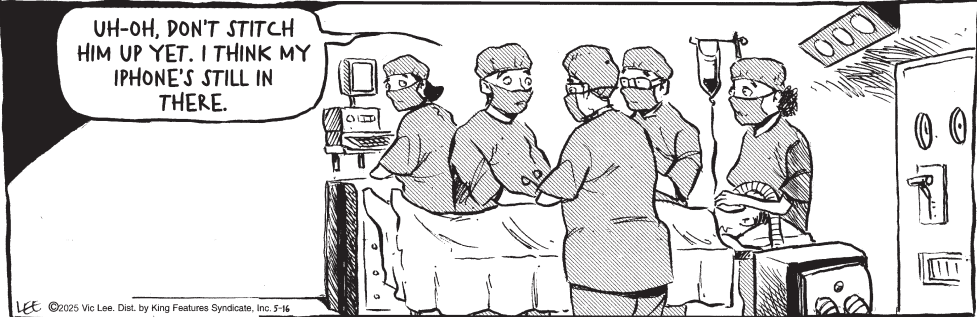
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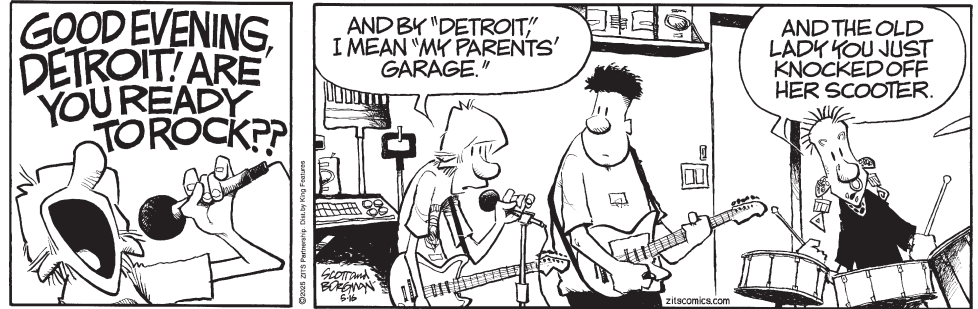
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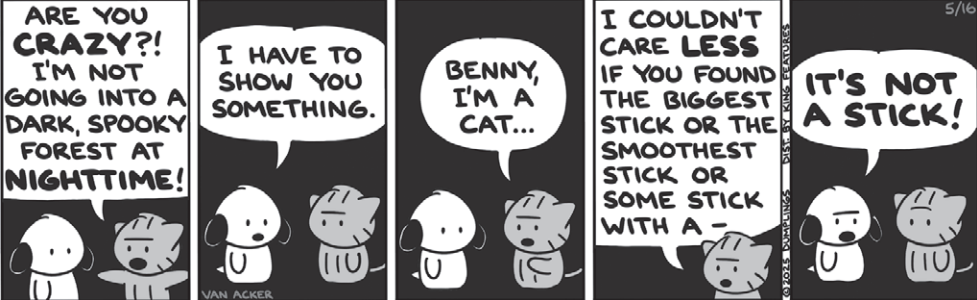
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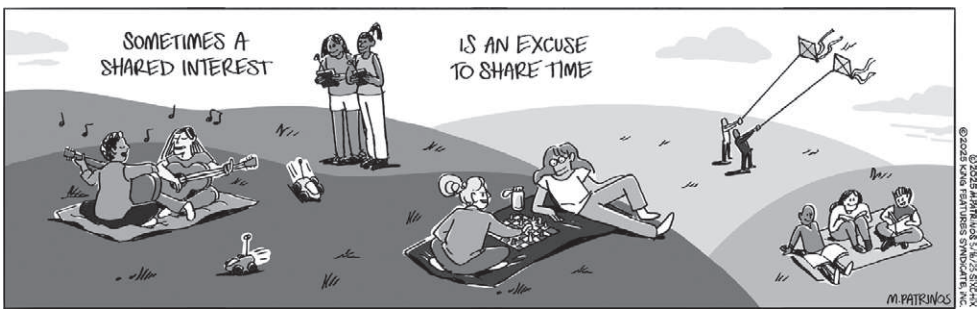
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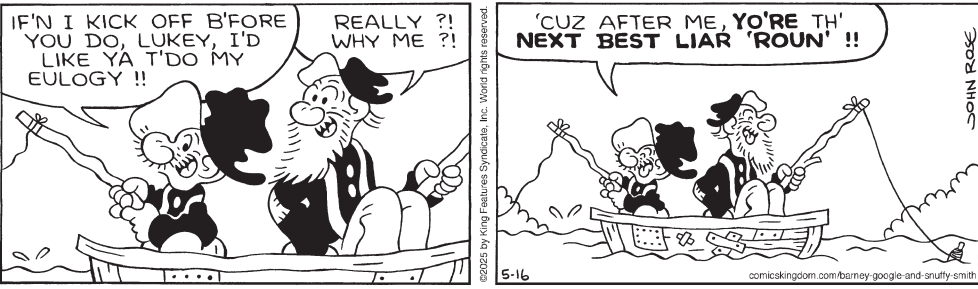
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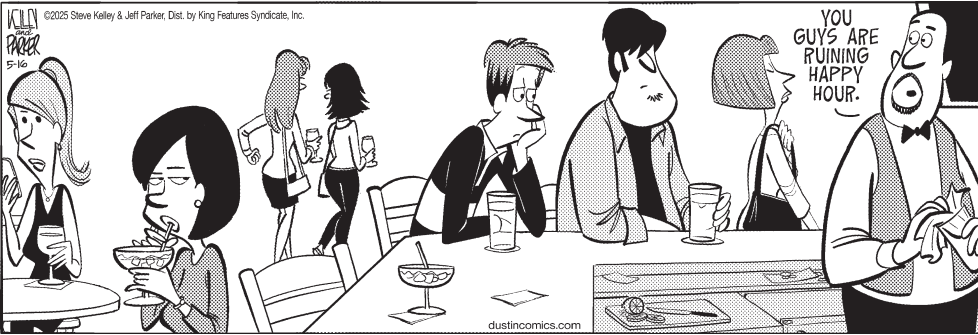
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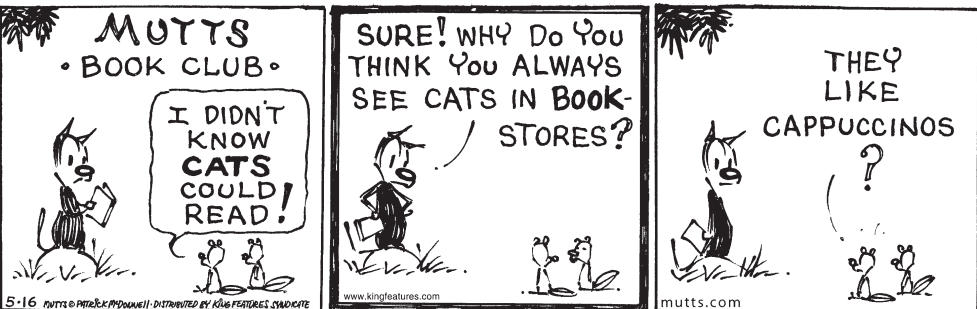
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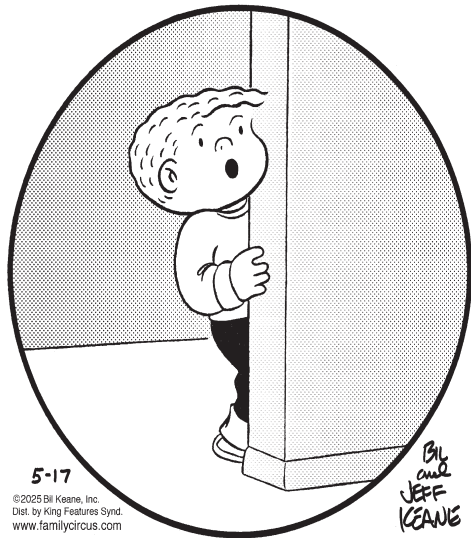


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



“Do I know what a sieve is, Mommy? Grandma says she has a mind like one of those.”

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I BET HE LIKES RANCH DRESSING."

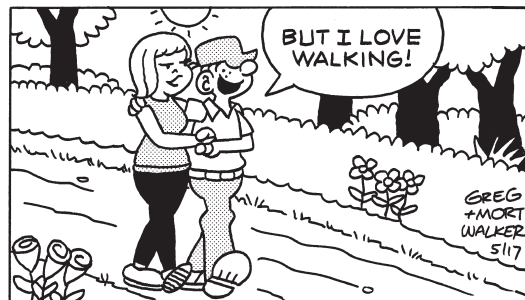
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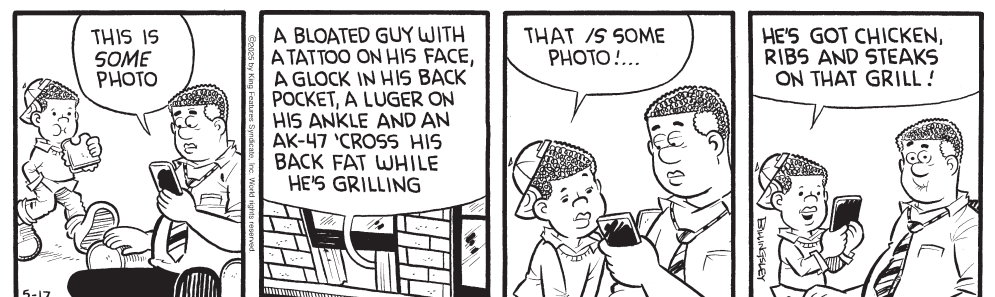
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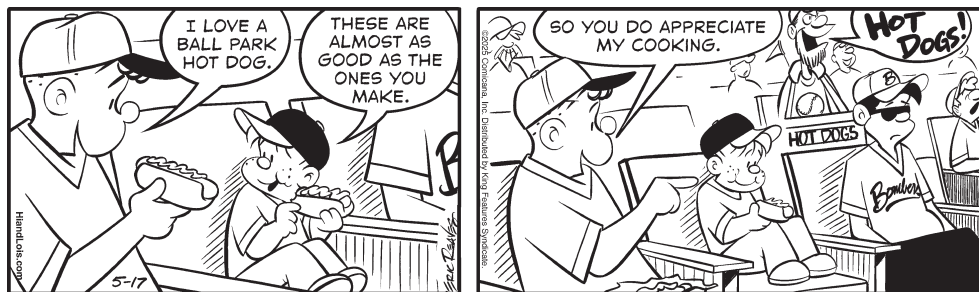
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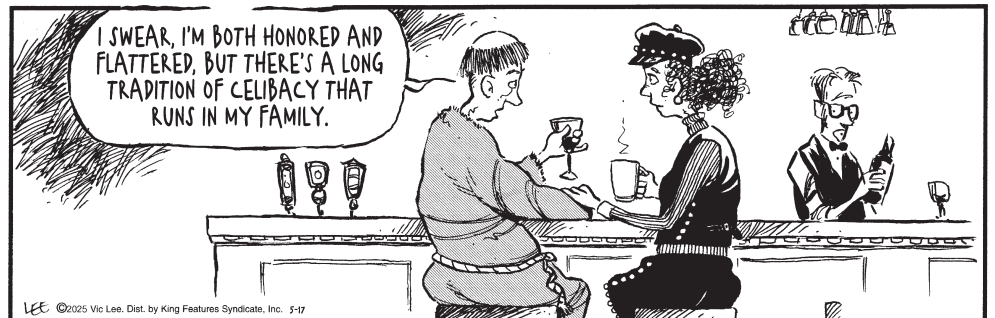
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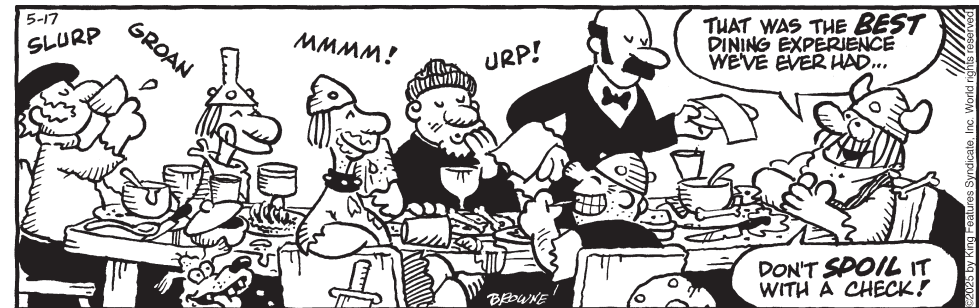
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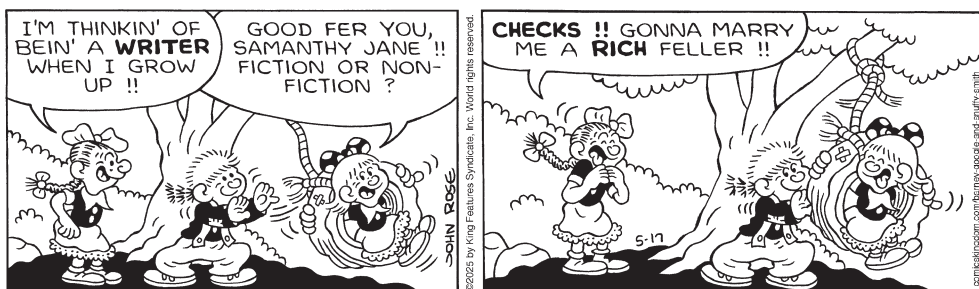
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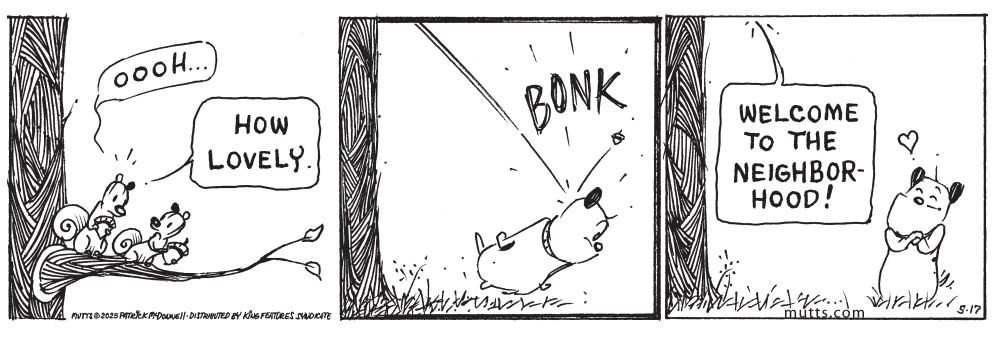
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Photos by Cindy Warrick
Above: “When Harlan didn’t like a painting, he used it to line the cupboard drawers.”
Left: Some of the visitors who tour Harlan and Anna Hubbard’s former homestead and keep the history of Payne Hollow alive.

Project gathering oral histories of Harlan and Anna Hubbard

BY CINDY WARRICK
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

When an individual dies, many times the relationships they had fade with their passing. However, a movement is taking shape in Trimble County to help make sure that does not happen to Harlan and Anna Hubbard.

It began last October when the Trimble County Teens Home School group took a tour of the Payne Hollow restoration project. About 15 students were involved in a tour to the Hubbard’s former homestead, Payne Hollow, noting it was “a lot easier going down than coming up!”

While at Payne Hollow, they learned about many aspects of Harlan’s and Anna’s solitary but fulfilled life.

Add to that Beth Nichols, a long-time Trimble County resident who believes that memories should be preserved, studied and from which lessons can be learned. Nichols, of Milton, began meeting with the Trimble County Public Library to preserve some of these memories in an oral history preservation experience.

Three of the students who went on the Payne Hollow field trip were also interested in preserving such memories — Ben Pollack and Adrian and Aaliyah Finkle — so the library borrowed podcast equipment from

Trimble County High School, and the students were trained in its use and received credit in podcast training for their efforts.

Throughout the winter, the activity was publicized, but between weather cancellations, and school cancellations, the project took a back seat.

On Saturday, May 11, five individuals who knew the Hubbard’s personally were interviewed about some of their memories of the couple. Memories which individuals have of a person in everyday life can sometimes be quite different than those which may be included in a book.

One such tale was that of “getting the piano — an upright before the grand piano — down the hill was a major event. A tractor with a piano strapped in the trailer, walked and guided by several individuals and then lifting it up to the window level, was a memorable event.”

Another memory involved “spending an afternoon discussing art and having ‘comfrey’ tea and crackers with soy butter was the order of the afternoon.”

Among the other oral histories were tasty tidbits such as:

- “They were refined people, going all the way downriver to New Orleans and back upriver to choose Payne Hollow as the place to settle.”

- “When Harlan didn’t like a painting, he used it to line the cupboard drawers.”

- “When we visited on Sundays they would serve goat milk and honey to drink.”

- “When someone came to call, there was a bell at the top of the hill, to let the Hubbard’s know there were visitors coming.”

- “My dad was a professional musician, and we would go down and he would jam with the Hubbards.”

The oral preservation experience was made possible by a \$1,000 Mini Civics Seal Grant. The grant was used to soundproof a room and purchase noise canceling equipment to make projects like this possible.

Continuing with the preservation of Payne Hollow memories, the library has scheduled four “fourth Saturdays” to record additional Payne Hollow Studies and offer guided hikes with book discussions and nature studies. The events are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on the “fourth Saturdays” of the month. Registration is required and participants should be aware the path down the hillside to Payne Hollow on the Ohio River is strenuous and much easier going down than coming back up.

To register for the events, call the library at 502-255-7362.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS	FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS	812-866-4843.
May Artist Spotlight at the SPOT Madison Area Arts Alliance 326 Mulberry St., Madison Friday, May 16, 5-8 p.m. Alann J Boatright provides the May gallery of his collection from a genre he call Mechanical Surrealism. His work is oil on canvas infused with found and harvested objects he collects specifically for his art. Artist talk at 6 p.m.	Salvation Army Food Bank 331 East Main St., Madison Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays Noon-1 p.m. A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags. For more information, call 812-265-2157.	
Music at the Mansion Lanier Mansion Historic Site Saturday, May 17, 6 p.m. Music at the Mansion series will kick off its summer music season as the Madison Consolidated High School Band and Madison Community Concert Band take the stage.	House of Hope Food Pantry 100 East 2nd St., Madison Tuesdays 5-7 p.m.; Fridays 9-11 a.m. A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.	SENIOR EVENTS Hanover Senior Citizens Center Exercising: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. Lunch: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center. Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.
Dupont Community Festival Dupont Park, Dupont Friday & Saturday, May 16-17 A Prince and Princess contest on Friday, April 16 at 6 p.m. at Dupont Park with carnival games, a dunk tank, a big wheel race, DJ music, face painting, a cake walk, arm wrestling, numerous games to win prizes, hourly raffles and many other activities with approximately 35 vendors featuring crafts, gifts, unique items and five food trucks and a reenactment of a 1960 robbery at the Dupont bank all on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	North Madison Christian Church Food Pantry 1400 East State Road 62 Saturday, May 24 — 8-10 a.m. A food distribution at the church on the fourth Saturday of each month (with the exception of holidays). Free with no qualifications.	Madison Senior Citizens Center Senior Meals: Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center, 208 West Main St. on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6. Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60. Game Days: The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison. The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m. The games are free and open to senior citizens.
	CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS Jesus Clothes Closet Trinity United Methodist Church 412 W. Main St., Madison Mondays, 9-11 a.m. Jesus Clothes Closet distributes free clothing to those in need. For more information, call	

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Steinhardt said design elements for Damon Welch Park are being finalized. “We’re looking at budget estimates for final costs before we go to bid,” he said, anticipating the project could be put out for bids in June or July with a contract potentially awarded by August.

Even though the \$4.9 million bond provides the financial part of the city’s support for the two housing projects, the amphitheater and Welch Park, Courtney “there’s more work on all four” before they move forward, noting in particular that the downtown housing project is still working through the process with the Plan Commission.

Steinhardt said grad-

ing and site preparation at Residences at Sunrise Crossing is nearing completion and noted that footers were poured last week.

He anticipates “you’ll see lots of wood going up” soon with construction moving forward on the first phase of 93 units.

Once completed, it is anticipated that a second phase will be built with the same number of units.

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Southwestern Athletics

Southwestern distance relayers (from left) Mikayla Nussbaum, Sophie Ford, Olivia Simpson and Tori Gammons broke Ohio River Valley Conference records in both the 1600- and 3200-meter relays at the ORVC Championships on Tuesday in Vevay.



Switzerland Athletics

Switzerland County's girls track and field team won its third-straight Ohio River Valley Conference title and the boys won their first title since 2017 on a successful night at home on Tuesday.

Switzerland sweeps ORVC track and field

Rebels break two meet records

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Switzerland County's track & field teams rolled to dominating victories and Southwestern's outstanding relay team set two conference records at the Ohio River Valley Conference Championships in Vevay on Tuesday.

Switzerland's girls scored 195 points to win their third-straight conference crown. Southwestern placed second with 79 points followed by South Ripley (75), Milan (47), Rising Sun (42), Jac-Cen-Del (16) and Shawe (4).

Switzerland's boys scored 168 points to win their first league title since 2017. Southwestern was second with 88 points followed by Milan (86), South Ripley (67), Jac-Cen-Del (34) and Rising Sun (20).

Switzerland's Madison Spillman continued her dominate season with four conference champion-

ships. The freshman won the 100-meter dash in 12.75, the 200 dash in 26.94, the 400 dash in 1:04.29 and the long jump at 16 feet, 4 inches. The Switzerland girls had four other wins on the night with Baylee Romans winning the high jump at 5 foot even, Addy Preston winning the shot put at 32 feet, 6 inches, Lauren Smith winning the 300 hurdles in 53.07 and the 400 relay team winning in 52.32.

Matt Young and Kolvin Beck won three events each to lead the Switzerland boys. Young won the 100 dash in 11.70, the high jump at 5 feet, 8 inches and the long jump at 20 feet, 5 inches while Beck won the 110 hurdles in 15.90, the 300 hurdles in 43.39 and the shot put at 42 feet, 3.5 inches. Cale Collier also won the 800 run in 2:10.01, the 400 relay team won in 45.51 and the 1600 relay won in 3:34.10.

The Southwestern relay team of Sophie Ford, Tori Gammons, Mikayla Nussbaum and Olivia Simpson won two events, setting

ORVC records for both in the process. The quartet started the night by winning the girls 3200 relay in 10:15.01 and finished the meet with a victory in the 1600 relay in 4:21.30. They already owned the school record in both events.

The Rebels' Savannah Nussbaum won the girls 1600 run in 5:33.83 and the 3200 run in 12:01.96, Simpson won the 800 run in 2:27.54, and Bryce Weber won the boys discus at 143 feet, 6 inches.

Other top finishes for the Switzerland girls were: Emma Parsons, second, 100 dash, 13.42 and second, 200 dash, 28.16; Amber Detmer, second, 1600 run, 5:59.90 and second, 3200 run, 12:34.68; Lauren Smith, second, 100 hurdles, 17.22 and second, long jump, 15-11.25; Ashlyn Jesop, second, 300 hurdles, 53.58 and third, high jump, 4-6; 1600 relay, second, 4:41.21; 3200 relay, second, 11:55.39; Claire Rogers, third, 1600 run, 6:12.07 and third, 3200 run, 13:40.36; Taylor Kappes, third, 400

dash, 1:06.06; and Jazmyn Blevins, third, 2:46.13.

Other top finishes for the Switzerland boys were: Matt Young, second, 100 dash, 11.72; Ty Lay, second, 200 dash, 23.53; Cale Collier, second, 400 dash, 53.07; Ethan Jones, second, 110 hurdles, 17.60; Landon Penhall, third, 400 dash, 53.91; Luke Sullivan, third, 3200 run, 11:16.71; Masin Stroud, third, 300 hurdles, 45.81; Alex Bailey, third, high jump, 5-4; and 3200 relay, third, 9:20.40.

Other top finishes for the Southwestern girls were: Tori Gammons, second, 400 dash, 1:05.64; Sophie Ford, second, 800 run, 2:30.82; Rorie Scroggins, fourth, shot put, 27-10; Makenzie Morton, fifth, 200 dash, 31.06; Sarah Schneider, fifth, 3200 run, 14:55.65; and 400 relay, fifth, 57.23.

Other top finishes for the Southwestern boys were: Andrew Nussbaum, second, 1600 run, 4:54.59; Caden Ream, second, 3200 run, 11:00.73 and third, 1600 run, 4:56.94; Kaedon Higgins, second,

300 hurdles, 44.03 and third, long jump, 18-8.5; 1600 relay, second, 3:46.62; Connor Johnson, third, 100 dash, 11.81; Elliott Brooks, third, 110 hurdles, 18.68; Bryce Weber, third, shot put, 41-7.5; and 400 relay, third, 49.03.

Top finishes for the Shawe girls were: Ava Flint, fourth, long jump, 13-8, seventh, 200 dash, 31.57, eighth, 400 dash, 1:15.38 and 10th, 100 dash, 15.14; and Maria Ameca Mendoza, ninth, 100 dash, 15.08, 10th, 400 dash, 1:24.60; 11th, 200 dash, 33.21 and 11th, long jump, 11-9.

Top finishes for the Shawe boys were: 400 relay, seventh, 58.89; Johnathan Ambrosio Vilchis, eighth, 100 dash, 12.94 and ninth, 200 dash, 26.87; Jorge Ambrosio, ninth, 800 run, 2:47.24 and 10th, 1600 run, 6:11.40; and Gus Schaffer, 10th, shot put, 32-2. All three local teams will compete in the IHSAA Sectional at Madison next week. The girls meet is Tuesday, May 20 and the boys compete on Thursday, May 22.

Roney makes history as Madison's first boys volleyball college signee

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Like most boys in the state of Indiana, Kyle Roney was new to the sport of volleyball when it was first introduced at Madison Consolidated High School two years ago. An accomplished soccer player and swimmer, Roney decided to give the new IHSAA sport a shot.

Little did he know, he would grow to love it.

Last week, Roney became Madison's first-ever college signee in the sport when he officially signed to play men's volleyball at Wittenberg University. It has been quite a journey for a young man who only started playing the sport seriously a few years ago.

"I've played at the beach and stuff like that, just for fun my entire life, because my mom played in college. But other than that, I've never really taken it seriously," Roney said. "But when it became a high school sport, I decided to play and I just fell in love with the sport absolutely. That's when I said, 'That's what I want to do.'"

Roney was a sophomore on that very first Madison boys volleyball team that went 12-10 playing as a club sport while officially recognized by the IHSAA as an "emerging sport."

Roney fit in immediately, leading the team in sets



David Campbell

Madison Consolidated High School senior Kyle Roney has signed to play volleyball at Wittenberg University.

played and only got stronger as he got better acquainted with the sport. Playing primarily as an outside hitter this year, Roney leads the team in kills (180) and is second in kills per set (4.3). But he is also first in digs (181) and third in blocks (20) while posting the second-most assists (56).

Roney attributes his success to off-season work. Once he fell in love with the sport, he did everything he could to improve.

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Shawe's Turner leaves basketball behind to row at Louisville

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Ava Turner wasn't sure what to think when she received an email from the University of Louisville.

A standout basketball player at Shawe Memorial High School, Turner had plans to play that sport in college, but it wasn't her skills on the hardwood that interested the Cardinals but rather her potential on the water.

"They just found me on the basketball court and reached out. I was pretty surprised," Turner said. "I was kind of hesitant to respond; I didn't even know what it was. My dad was like, 'No, you should still respond and just kind of see what they have and tell you what they have to offer.' And here we are."

On Wednesday, Turner signed a college scholarship with the Cardinals — not to play basketball, but to join Louisville's rowing team. While she had never participated in the sport before — she really wasn't even sure what it was — after talking with the coaches, she was willing to give it a shot.

"I was shocked. I was kind of hesitant. I was like, 'I don't really know that I want to kind of start a new sport at this age,'" Turner said.

"But I had multiple phone calls with them and they kind of described how it all worked out, and explained that there's other novice rowers coming in so I wouldn't be alone.

"I'd be with other people who are in the same situation as me."

According to the BBC, the ideal female rower is between 5-foot-11 and 6-foot-1 with long arms and an athletic build, which describes the 6-foot Turner perfectly and explains why Louisville reached out. It was her height and athleticism that allowed Turner to average more than 10 points per game for the Hilltoppers this past season while helping the team to a school-record 18 wins and a first-ever trip to the sectional finals.

Turner had fully planned on playing basketball in college but never found a school that was the perfect fit. So when the chance to row at Louisville came up, she decided to give it a shot.

"I want to play a college sport. Obviously, at first it was basketball. I was kind of set on that. And then as I started doing visits and stuff, none of the schools really felt right, especially with what I want to do, like academically and stuff," Turner said. "So this just kind of worked out, and they have a good program for what I'm looking for."

Shawe girls basketball coach Drew Kring is thrilled Turner is getting a chance to play a college sport, although like everybody else, he's surprised that it was not in basketball.

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David Campbell

Shawe's Ava Turner has signed to row crew at the University of Louisville.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 16

BASEBALL

- Southwestern at South Ripley, 5 p.m.
- Shawe hosts Rising Sun, 5:30 p.m.
- Madison hosts Franklin Co., 6 p.m.
- Switzerland Co. at Clarksville, 6 p.m.

SOFTBALL

- Southwestern at South Ripley, 5 p.m.
- Madison at Henryville, 5:30 p.m.
- Trimble Co. at North Oldham, 5:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, MAY 17

BASEBALL

- Southwestern at Salem, 10 a.m. (DH)
- Switzerland Co. hosts Oldenburg, 11 a.m.
- Trimble Co. vs. Eminence, KHSAA 31st District Tourney at Carroll Co., 11 a.m.
- Carroll Co. vs. Gallatin Co., KHSAA 31st District Tourney at Carroll Co., 1 p.m.

SOFTBALL

- Southwestern hosts Rising Sun, New Washington, 11 a.m.
- Carroll Co. vs. Eminence, KHSAA 31st District Tourney at Carroll Co., 1 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

- Scottsburg vs. Silver Creek, IHSAA Sectional Tournament at New Albany, 11 a.m. (championship, 6 p.m.)
- Madison/Floyd Central vs. Southwestern/Jeffersonville, IHSAA Sectional Tournament at New Albany, 12:30 p.m. (championship, 6 p.m.)

MONDAY, MAY 19

BASEBALL

- Southwestern hosts Milan, 5 p.m.
- Switzerland Co. at Jac-Cen-Del, 5 p.m.
- Trimble Co./Eminence vs.

Henry Co., KHSAA 31st District Tournament at Carroll Co., 6 p.m.

• Carroll Co./Gallatin Co. vs. Owen Co., KHSAA 31st District Tournament at Carroll Co., 8 p.m.

GOLF

- Southwestern boys host Oldenburg, New Washington, 4:30 p.m.
- Switzerland Co. boys at Rising Sun, 4:30 p.m.
- Madison boys at Brownstown, 5 p.m.

SOFTBALL

- Switzerland Co. at Jac-Cen-Del, 5 p.m.
- Southwestern hosts

Providence, 5:30 p.m.

• Trimble Co. vs. Carroll Co./Eminence, KHSAA 31st District Tournament at Carroll Co., 8 p.m.

TENNIS

- Madison hosts Scottsburg, 5 p.m.
- Southwestern girls hosts Lawrenceburg, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

BASEBALL

- Shawe at Crothersville, 5 p.m.
- Madison hosts Austin, 6 p.m.
- Carroll Co./Gallatin Co./

Owen Co. vs. Trimble Co./Eminence/Henry Co., KHSAA 31st District Championship at Carroll Co., 6:30 p.m.

GOLF

• Switzerland Co. hosts Shawe, Trinity Lutheran, 5 p.m.

SOFTBALL

• Trimble Co./Carroll Co./Eminence vs. Henry Co./Gallatin Co./Owen Co., KHSAA 31st District Championship at Carroll Co., 6:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

• Madison, Shawe, Southwestern, Switzerland Co. girls, IHSAA Sectionals at Madison, 6 p.m.

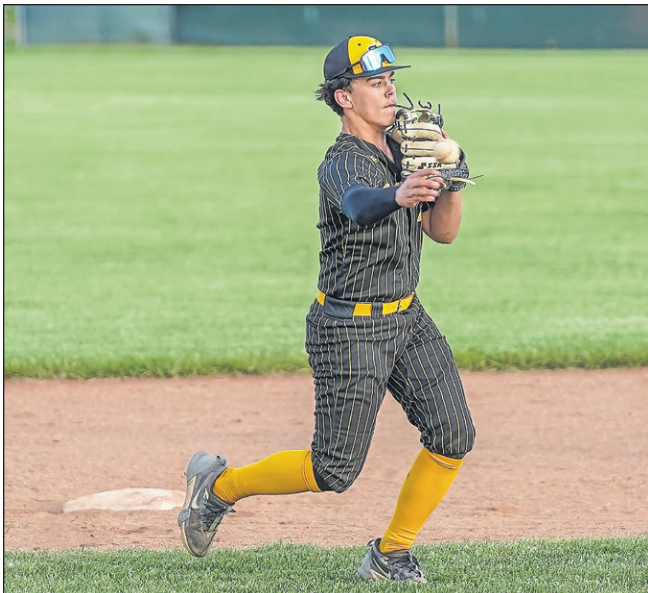
Carroll baseball pins first District 31 loss on Henry

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Carroll County baseball pinned the first 31st District loss of the season on previously unbeaten Henry County 6-4 on Monday in New Castle.

The Panthers had lost 12-7 to the Wildcats on April 28 in Carrollton as part of Henry's 9-0 start in this year's district tourney seeding games before Carroll finally put a blemish on that mark Monday to improve to 10-9 overall and 7-3 District while Henry fell to 12-11 overall and 9-1 District. Monday's win came in comeback fashion as Carroll battled back from a 3-1 deficit after one inning of play. All of the Panthers' scoring took place in the first three innings and it was Carroll's four-run third that staked the visitors to a 6-3 lead and ultimately decided the outcome.

Bryce Furnish, Coy Willhoite and Luke Taylor lashed back-to-back-to-back one out singles to get that rally started when an errored ground ball to third by Mason Ogden plated two runs and a two out errored fly ball to left field by Dalten Wilson kept the rally alive long enough for Henry starting pitcher Nolan Prather to issue three



Abby Hooven

Carroll County's Bryce Furnish makes the throw to first on an infield grounder Monday at Henry County. The Panthers won 6-4.

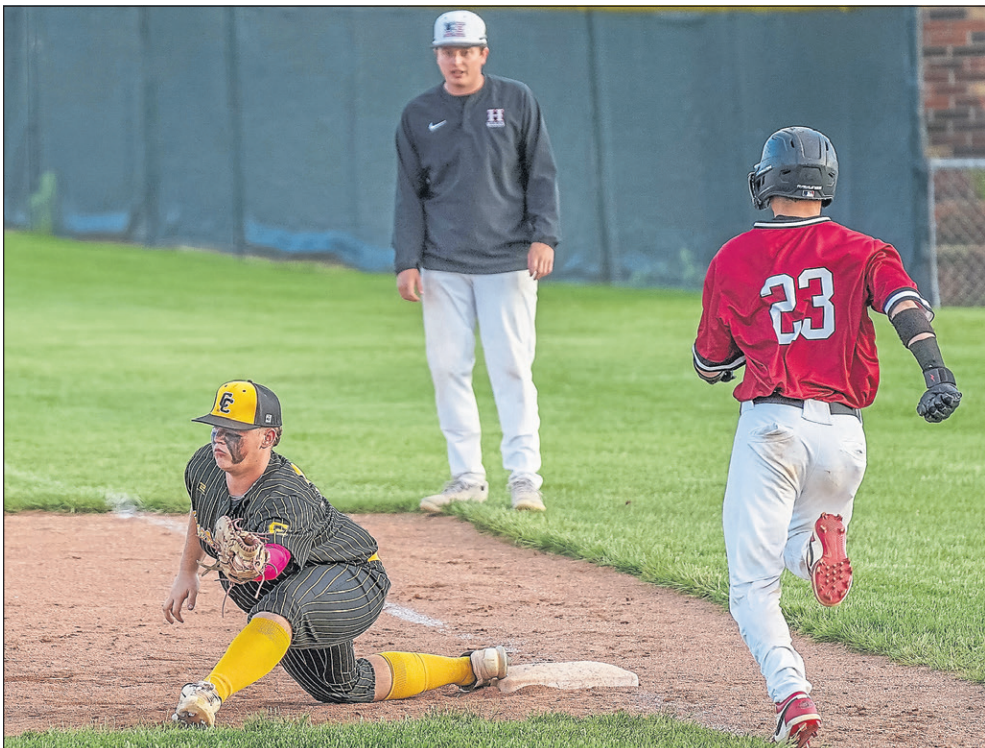
straight walks to Preston Snow, Treavin Shovlin and Colten Deitz and force in two more runs.

Henry County managed to put a run across in the bottom of the seventh but that was too little and too late as the Panthers escaped with the 6-4 win.

Snow went the distance for Carroll to notch the win, giving up four runs (three earned) on six hits and two walks while striking out three.

Carroll managed just six hits as well but befitted from five walks and three errors to score only one earned run in the game. Deitz was 2-for-2 with two RBI to lead the Panthers and Furnish, Willhoite, Taylor and Wilson each had a hit and Furnish scored twice.

Nolin lashed a one out triple in the bottom of the first and scored on a sac fly. Camden Peyton then singled and Kaiden Wilson belted a two-run home run



Abby Hooven

Carroll County first baseman Dalten Wilson stretches out to field the throw as Henry County's Gentry Stivers (23) comes up short while hustling down the line.

to left to plate both for a 3-1 lead. Furnish had walked, advanced on a wild pitch and gone to third on a sac bunt by Willhoite in the top of that inning before scoring on a ground out by Taylor.

Carroll suffered an 8-7 loss at home to Western Hills on Tuesday.

Wilson had three hits

and scored two runs for the Panthers, Dietz had two hits and two RBIs, Taylor went 2-for-3 with a double and a run scored and Mason Ogden had a hit and two RBIs. Landon Miller suffered the loss after allowing five runs on seven hits in three innings.

Carroll wrapped up the

regular season with a 13-3 win at home over Grant County on Wednesday. No results from the game were available. Carroll closes the regular season with a 11-10 overall record and will take on Gallatin County in the opening round of the 31st District Tournament at home at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

31ST DISTRICT TOURNEY

The KHSAA 31st District baseball and softball tournaments will be contested at Carroll County on Saturday with Carroll and Trimble baseball in action as well as Carroll softball on the opening day.

The Trimble baseball will play Eminence in the baseball opener at 11 a.m. with Carroll baseball meeting Gallatin County at approximately 1 p.m. Carroll softball will face Eminence at 1 p.m. after the Gallatin County vs. Owen County game at 11 a.m.

The district semifinals will be played on Monday, May 19 and the championships will be contested on Tuesday.

Here are the tourney brackets and their seeds:

31st District Tournaments at Carrollton

BASEBALL
Saturday, May 17
• Eminence(4) vs. Trimble Co.(5), 11 a.m.

• Carroll Co.(3) vs. Gallatin Co.(6), 1 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 19
Semifinals
• Henry Co.(1) vs. Eminence/Trimble winner, 6 p.m.
• Owen Co.(2) vs. Carroll/Gallatin winner, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 20
Championship
• Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL
Saturday, May 17
• Gallatin Co. (4) vs. Owen Co.(5), 11 a.m.
• Carroll Co.(3) vs. Eminence(6), 1 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 19
Semifinals
• Henry Co.(1) vs. Gallatin/Owen winner, 6 p.m.
• Trimble Co.(2) vs. Carroll/Eminence winner, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 20
Championship
• Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m.

Trimble erupts in win over Cornerstone

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trimble County baseball banged out 19 runs in a 19-4 win over Cornerstone Christian at home on Monday.

The Raiders had only eight hits but drew 11 walks and benefited from four errors.

Dylan Penick had a double and drove in three runs for Trimble, Noah Chilton had a hit and an RBI, and Liam Taylor, Nolan Hunt and Jacoby Clark each had a hit, an RBI and scored three runs.

Penick worked a hitless 1-1/3 innings for the win.

Trimble then closed out

the regular season with a 7-6 loss at home to Holy Cross Wednesday.

Hunt was 4-for-5 with a double and two RBIs for the Raiders. Trevor Lile had three hits and an RBI, Penick had two hits and an RBI, and Taylor and Clark each had a double.

Hunt gave up three runs on two hits in five innings and took the loss.

Trimble, now 7-15 on the season, will face Eminence in the opening round of the 31st District Tournament at Carroll County at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Former Panther Montgomery named to All-Commonwealth Team

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

The Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame, the nation's only state-specific professional football hall of fame, has announced its 2025 Collegiate All-Commonwealth Team and former Carroll County player Dhane Montgomery has been selected.

The Collegiate All-Commonwealth Team is a pre-season recognition award honoring football players attending Kentucky colleges and universities. The team represents the best college football players in the Commonwealth.

Montgomery, is a 6-foot-6, 290-pound senior offensive lineman, is

a 2021 graduate of Carroll County where he played football and other sports. He is a spring 2025 graduate of Campbellsville University where he played college football and was named Campbellsville's Mr. Tiger Award winner as a senior. He plans to enter the masters program at Campbellsville and continue his athletic career. The purpose of the award is to promote college football in Ken-



Dhane Montgomery

tucky and to honor players whose leadership on the field and in the classroom reflects their potential as future leaders beyond the game.

Players were nominated by their head coaches for exhibiting these exceptional qualities.

A ceremony recognizing the 2025 Collegiate All-Commonwealth Team will be held Friday, June 27, in Frankfort. The players will also be honored during the Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame's Purple Jacket Dinner Party and Induction Ceremony that evening at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Lexington. "For the 12th consecutive year, we're excited to recognize these outstanding young men from the 17 Kentucky colleges and universities that play football," said Frank Minnifield, executive director of the Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame. "Not only do they lead their football teams on the field and in the classrooms, but they are also the future leaders of their communities across Kentucky and around the country."

COURIER AREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

• Southwestern's Bryce Weber and Switzerland County's Bri Stow and Madison Spillman were named athletes of the week by the Ohio River Valley Conference.

Weber won the award in boys track & field after his win set a school record in the discus.

Stow hit for the cycle to earn the award in softball.

Spillman won four events during the week and earned the award in girls track & field.

• Southwestern Middle School's track & field team set three conference records and qualified for state in five events at the Ohio River Valley Conference Championships at Jac-Cen-Del on Monday.

Seventh-grader Harper Green set conference records in the 1600-meter run (5:25) and the 800 run (2:27) and joined with Kaylynn Warren, Isabella Farmer and Lilly Bickers to set a record in the 1600 relay in 4:39.

Green and the 1600 relay team, as well as the distance medley relay team of Green, Warren, Isabella Farmer and Callie Farmer all qualified for the state meet in Terre Haute on May 24. Green also qualified in the 2400 run.

In addition, Warren won the 400 dash in 1:07.68, Josie Hubbard won the girls discus at 70 feet, 5 inches, and Levi Franklin won the boys 100 dash in 12.84.

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Southwestern Athletics

Southwestern Junior High's distance relayers (from left): Harper Green, Isabella Farmer, Lilly Bickers and Kaylynn Warren broke the Ohio River Valley Conference Middle School 1600-meter relay record at the conference championship meet on Monday. Green also broke the ORVC record in both the 800 and 1600 runs.

Carroll softball rolls over Walton-Verona

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carroll County lashed out 12 hits and rolled to a 15-1 win at Walton-Verona on Wednesday.

Brooklyn Rose had a big day at the plate, going 4-for-4 with a triple, four RBIs and four runs scored.

Macy Coghill was 2-for-3 with a double and four RBIs, Audrey Carli was 2-for-4 with a double and three RBIs, Taylor Butler had a double and two RBIs, Madi

Groves had a single and an RBI and Mallory Noble and Brinley Couch each had a hit and scored two runs.

Groves picked up the win, allowing just one run on four hits in five innings.

Carroll, now 15-6 on the season, hosted Shelby County on Thursday and then faces Eminence in the 31st District Tournament semifinals at Carroll on Saturday.

Trimble softball falls to Sacred Heart

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Sacred Heart scored a run in the bottom of the sixth inning to post a 7-6 win over Trimble County in softball on Tuesday.

The Raiders out-hit the Valkyries 12-10 but four errors proved costly. Jocie Stucker was 3-for-4 with two doubles and two runs scored for Trimble, Jaelynn Holbrook and Lily Truman each had two hits and two RBIs, Alyssa Ritchie had

two hits and scored a run and Hannah Chilton had a double and an RBI.

Chilton suffered the loss in relief. Only two of Sacred Heart's runs were earned.

Trimble, now 16-9 on the season, wrapped up the regular season at Eminence Thursday. The Raiders will then play the winner between Carroll County and Eminence in the 31st District Tournament semifinals at Carroll County on Monday.

Rebels’ Traylor fires no-hitter to beat Shawe

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Adam Traylor tossed a five-inning no-hitter and Southwestern banged out 11 hits in a 13-0 win over Shawe in baseball at home on Monday.
Traylor struck out 11 and walked one. He also had a hit and an RBI at the plate.
Jeter Chatham went 3-for-3 with a double, three RBIs and

three runs scored for the Rebels. Austin Jenkins had two doubles and scored two runs, Andrew Varble was 2-for-2 with a double and three RBIs, and Braxton Lewis and Tryson Warren each had a hit and an RBI.
Joey Hart took the loss for Shawe.
Providence scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to beat

Southwestern 6-5 in Clarksville on Wednesday.
Southwestern took the lead with a three-run third and held it until the Pioneer rally in the seventh.
Chatham was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI, Traylor had hit two hits and an RBI.
Jenkins had a double, an RBI and scored a run and Brady

Cook had a double and an RBI. Traylor took the loss in relief.
Also on Wednesday, Shawe fell 13-3 at New Washington.
Brogan Johnson had two hits for the Hilltoppers, Luis Garcia had a hit and an RBI and Tyler Hill had a hit.
Jacob Hart allowed two earned runs in 3-2/3 innings and got the loss.

Southwestern, now 12-7 overall and 8-1 Ohio River Valley Conference, travels to South Ripley Friday and to Salem Saturday before hosting Milan Monday. The Rebels then go to Scottsburg Tuesday.
Shawe, now 0-16 overall and 0-10 ORVC, hosts Rising Sun Friday and heads to Crothersville Tuesday.

Madison baseball beats East Central on Harden three-hitter

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Damon Harden tossed a three-hit shutout and Madison manufactured enough runs to beat East Central baseball on a 2-0 shutout Wednesday at Gary O’Neal Field.
Harden struck out six and walked two while keeping the Trojans

guessing all afternoon. Meanwhile, the Cubs scored two runs in the fifth inning to pull out the win.
Elliott Kozenski had two hits and scored a run to lead the Madison offense while Bodie Harsin had two hits, Nick Johnson had a hit and an RBI and Mitchell Cammack and

Kayden McKay had a hit each.
Madison, now 13-4 on the season, had its game with Silver Creek on Tuesday postponed to May 22 due to rain. The Cubs now host Franklin County Friday and head to Jeffersonville Monday before hosting Austin Tuesday.

Madison golf falls to Columbus East

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Madison boys golf dropped a close 158-161 match to Columbus East at Sunrise Golf Course on Monday.
Landon True shot an even-par 36 to claim medalist honors while Braxton Bray had a 40, Landon Lytle a 41, Collin McKay a 44 and Owen Murphy a 47.
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Pacers claim two ORVC baseball wins

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Switzerland County baseball picked up conference wins over Milan and Rising Sun earlier this week.
On Monday, the Pacers knocked off Milan 5-2 after scoring four runs in the top of the seventh inning to gut out the comeback win.
Jackson Sparks went 2-for-4 with a double, an

RBI and a run scored for the Pacers. Cooper Todd had a hit and two RBIs, Bryce Eaglin and Peyton Turner each had a hit and an RBI and Roman Hite had a hit and scored twice.
Zayne Smith pitched all seven innings for the win, striking out 12 and allowing two runs on five hits.
Switzerland again scored late to win on Tuesday,

this time with a run in the bottom of the eighth to beat Rising Sun 5-4 at home.
Todd had two hits and an RBI for the Pacers, Carson Byrd had two hits and scored a run, Hite had a double, an RBI and scored two runs, and Brian Jones and Mason Peelman each had a double and scored a run.

Eaglin got the win with an inning in relief. Hite worked the first seven innings and struck out eight.
Switzerland, now 11-7 overall and 7-2 Ohio River Valley Conference, travels to Clarksville Friday and hosts Jac-Cen-Del and Oldenburg Saturday. The Pacers then head to Jac-Cen-Del Monday.

Rebels softball splits two games

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Southwestern softball split two games at home earlier this week.
On Monday, the Rebels suffered a 10-7 loss to Christian Academy of Indiana. Rorie Scroggins had a double and two RBIs for Southwestern, Lilly Fox

had a hit and two RBIs and Myah Hofelich and Haiden Bailey each had a hit and drove in a run.
Chloey Leach gave up five earned runs on eight hits in seven innings for the loss.
Southwestern regrouped for a 3-2 win over Edin-

burgh on Wednesday. Baleigh McAfee had a hit and two RBIs for the Rebels, Leach had a hit and an RBI and Riley Crawford had a hit and scored a run.
Leach struck out four and gave up only five hits for the win.
Southwestern, now 8-7

on the season, hosted Milan Thursday and travels to South Ripley Friday before hosting Rising Sun and New Washington Saturday.
The Rebels then host Providence on Monday and Switzerland County next Wednesday.

Madison softball drops three games

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Madison softball managed just eight hits over three games earlier this week while being outscored 23-2 and dropping three losses.
On Monday, the Cubs were limited to just a Mashya Wells single in a 10-0 loss to Floyd Central in Madison. Emily Laufer

struck out 10 but gave up 10 runs on 14 hits in the loss.
Madison was then held to just three hits in a 5-0 loss at Oldham County on Tuesday. Laufer, Kylie Montgomery and Ava Armbrecht each had singles for the Cubs.
Armbrecht took the loss after allowing three earned

runs on five hits in six innings with nine strikeouts.
On Wednesday, Madison suffered an 8-2 loss at home to Jennings County.
The Cub offense was again held in check with just four hits: a double by Armbrecht and singles by Montgomery, Lexi Douglas and Kenzie Smith.

Laufer and Wells each had RBIs.
Laufer suffered the loss after giving up seven earned runs on nine hits in six innings with six strikeouts.
Madison, now 9-10 on the season, travels to Henryville Friday and hosts South Dearborn next Wednesday.

Switzerland softball falls to 1-12

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Switzerland County softball dropped a pair of games earlier this week to fall to 1-12 on the season.
On Monday, the Pacers lost 13-0 at Milan. Switzer-

land was held to just a Bri Stow single and Stow took the loss in the circle.
On Tuesday, Switzerland fell 13-1 at Gallatin County.
Regan Beard had two

hits and scored a run for the Pacers While Arynna Cunningham had a double and an RBI.
Stow gave up just one earned run in five innings but took the loss.

Switzerland, 1-6 Ohio River Valley Conference, traveled to Oldenburg Thursday, heads to Jac-Cen-Del Monday and to Southwestern next Wednesday.

Shawe falls to Scottsburg in volleyball sectional opener

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Shawe played a close first set but went on to lose 3-0 to Scottsburg in the first-ever IHSAA Boys Sectional Volleyball Tournament at New Albany on Wednesday.
The Hilltoppers were edged 26-24 in set one before falling 25-16, 25-15 to close out their season. No individual stats were available.
Rebels drop finale 3-0

On Monday, Southwestern lost 25-6, 25-9, 25-12 to New Albany in the Rebels’ regular-season finale. No stats for the match were available.
The sectional tournament continued on Thursday with Southwestern taking on Jeffersonville and Madison facing Floyd Central.
The semifinals and championship game are on Saturday.

Net Rebels keep rolling with 5-0 win over Dearborn

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Southwestern girls tennis posted a 5-0 sweep of South Dearborn at home on Wednesday.
In singles, Annie Ford won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1, Natalie LaRue won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2 and Emma Hatton won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 3.
In doubles, Raygan Crawford and Ava

Barnes won 6-2, 6-0 at No. 1 and Kaylee Hite and Jocelyn Johnson won 6-3, 6-0 at No. 2.
Southwestern, now 13-2 on the season, traveled to Christian Academy of Indiana Thursday and closes out the regular season at home against Lawrenceburg Monday.

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Reds pay tribute to Rose a day after reinstatement by MLB

BY JAY COHEN
AP BASEBALL WRITER

CINCINNATI — Pete Rose was celebrated by the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday night, a day after baseball’s career hits leader was posthumously removed from Major League Baseball’s permanent ineligibility list.

There were chants of “Pete! Pete!” at Great American Ball Park. There was a pregame moment of silence, and a choir from Rose’s Cincinnati high school performed the national anthem. And No. 14 was everywhere, from the replica jerseys in the stands to the highlights shown on the videoboard.

It was the type of all-out effort that Rose himself would have appreciated.

“This city was my dad,” Rose’s daughter, Fawn, said.

Hall of Fame shortstop Barry Larkin and Eric Davis — who played for Rose when he managed the Reds — shared stories about their former manager during a pregame panel, joined by former Rose teammate George Foster. Members of Rose’s family delivered the game ball before Cincinnati’s 4-2 loss to the Chicago White Sox.

“He played baseball with as much passion and competitive enjoyment as you ever could,” said Reds manager Terry Francona, who played with Rose with Montreal and played for him with Cincinnati. “You wanted to be on his team.”

Rose, who died in September at age 83, played for the Reds in 19 of his 24 seasons, winning two of his three World Series championships with his hometown team.

His career was tarnished by a gambling



Pete Rose’s daughter Fawn Rose speaks during Pete Rose Night events before a baseball game between the Cincinnati Reds and the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday in Cincinnati.

scandal that led to a permanent ban on Aug. 23, 1989.

An investigation commissioned by Major League Baseball concluded Rose — a 17-time All-Star who finished with 4,256 hits — repeatedly bet on the Reds as a player and manager of the team from 1985-87, a violation of a long-standing MLB rule.

Commissioner Rob Manfred announced Tuesday he was changing the league’s policy on permanent ineligibility, saying bans would expire at death.

Manfred met with Fawn Rose and Jeffrey Lenkov, a lawyer who represented Pete Rose, on Dec. 17.

Manfred “was gracious, kind,” Fawn Rose said. “Really gave me a forum to talk about my dad, not the baseball player, but the father, the grandfather and really what he means to the (fans) of Cincinnati.”

Pete Rose Jr., who appeared in 11 games with Cincinnati in 1997, said he was angry when he first heard about Manfred’s decision because he couldn’t call his father. But he called the change a step in the right direction. “Hate to say this, but it’s not going to bring him back,” he said. “If they would have said you’re not going to be taken off the list, but you’re coming back, hey

bring him back. But nothing but positives today.”

While Rose’s gambling ban made him a baseball pariah, that was never the case in a city that proudly embraces its status as the home of the oldest major league team. He was almost uniformly beloved in his hometown for his relentless playing style and his connection to the Big Red Machine — the dominant Reds teams in the mid-1970s. “My dad used to tell me all the stories of how hard he played every time,” said Reds reliever Brent Suter, a Cincinnati native. “You know, never took a play off, always was running hard 90 (feet), sliding headfirst, you know,

getting dirty every game. ... This was a guy who just embodied toughness, grit.”

There were long lines at several gates as the crowd of 43,585 filed into the ballpark. A steady stream of fans stopped in front of Rose’s statue for pictures before going inside the stadium.

There was a black tarp with the No. 14 over the pitcher’s mound as the players took batting practice.

“I remember his hustle. The headfirst slides. He was a person with not a lot of talent, but he worked so hard,” said Bob Wunder, 65, of Dayton.

Wunder expressed his

frustration with the timing of Manfred’s decision.

“It’s awful. They should have done it when he was alive,” he said. “If I was the (Rose) family, I would say ‘Thanks, but no thanks.’ I’m upset that it had to wait until he passed away.”

The change in Rose’s status makes him eligible for the Baseball Hall of Fame — long a sore spot for Rose’s most ardent supporters — but his Cooperstown induction is far from a given.

Rose’s case would be considered by the Hall’s Classic Baseball Era committee, which next meets to consider players in December 2027.

A 10-person panel selects eight ballot candidates with the approval of the Hall’s board, and the group is considered by 16 members at the winter meetings, with a 75% or higher vote needed.

“I know I oversimplify things. But what Pete did as a player, if he’s not in, there is no Hall of Fame,” Francona said. “But I get it. There are some things that ... I’m glad I don’t have to make (those) decisions.”

Jerry Casebolt, 80, of Florence, Kentucky, stopped to get his photo taken in front of the Rose statue before the game. He said he was at the 1970 All-Star Game when Rose bowled over Ray Fosse in a memorable play at the plate, and he also attended the game when Rose broke Ty Cobb’s hits record.

The removal of Rose from the ineligible list was meaningful for him.

“It was great to hear the news,” he said. “Just opening up the gates (to the Hall of Fame), but it’s still questionable. Hope he gets in. Shame he didn’t get to see it.”

Castroneves chasing record-breaking 5th Indy 500 victory

BY JENNA FRYER
AP AUTO RACING WRITER

INDIANAPOLIS — Helio Castroneves, at age 50, is still chasing history at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

A win in this year’s Indianapolis 500 would give him five in his brilliant IndyCar career and break a tie with A.J. Foyt, Al Unser and Rick Mears for most wins in a race that will be run May 25 for the 109th time.

He’s been unsuccessful in his last three tries to win a fifth but hopes this year, his 25th Indy 500, will be the one where he breaks history. Not even his age has discouraged the Brazilian.

“I feel I have a brand new engine,” Castroneves said. “I feel that I’m like ready to go. They say life starts at 50, so I’m ready to start again.”

Castroneves won his



Helio Castroneves of Brazil, winner of the 2021 Indianapolis 500 auto race, poses during the traditional winner’s photo session at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis on May 31, 2021.

fourth Indy 500 driving for Meyer Shank Racing, where he’s now part of

team management and will drive for them again this year. If he wins, he doesn’t

plan to walk away from “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”

“I’m going to come back and try for six,” Castroneves said. “I want a statue.”

For the record, MSR has not confirmed any races for Castroneves beyond this year’s Indy 500. But, the team values his contributions on and off the track, particularly his 500 victory in 2021.

Castroneves had spent 20 years driving for Team Penske, where he won the Indy 500 in 2001, 2002 and 2009.

After a move to Penske’s sports car program, Castroneves landed a partial ride back in IndyCar with Meyer Shank Racing, and the 500 win grew into two full seasons.

The team fields two full-time cars now for Felix Rosenqvist and Marcus Armstrong, with Castroneves as a third entry at Indianapolis.

“Basically winning that

fourth, putting the team on the map and they know that they can do it again, whether it’s me or my two other teammates. They know they can do it,” Castroneves said. “And that’s probably why we keep on pushing. We feel that we’re going to another level as a team.”

Rosenqvist is currently eighth in the IndyCar standings, while Armstrong is 14th.

Qualifying has been dramatically improved this year, and the team created a technical alliance with Chip Ganassi Racing that has provided tremendous benefit to MSR.

The drivers all debrief together — although Ganassi driver Scott Dixon noted Wednesday that Castroneves, who has a super-sized personality, is atypically quiet in the meetings.

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“It is kind of cool, actually. I remember when she first started talking about it and I thought it was just a great opportunity. I mean, you don’t get a chance to go Division I very often,” Kring said. “She gets a scholarship and to do something for the Louisville Cardinals. It’s kind of cool.”

Turner knows that it won’t be easy. On her official visit, she got a chance to workout with the team which involved a lot different skills than needed for basketball.

“When we went on our visit, the practice that day was they had to get on one of the rowing machines and go for an hour straight, like, no stopping. I was a little bit like, ‘Oh God,’” Turner said with a smile. “I know they practice some on the river, and then they

have a whole facility with the rowing machines, but it’s just a lot of cardio. Lifting and cardio.”

Turner is the second area woman to sign for rowing in college, following Madison’s Katlin Brown Beck who rowed for Indiana University 11 years ago. Like Turner, Brown had no rowing experience before being tapped for the sport by IU.

“An opportunity like this doesn’t come around very often, whether it be for

any sport. And I think this is one thing that should keep her competitive juices

going,” Kring said. “To go to a institution like Louisville, with all the resources

that they have, I mean, this is just a hell of an opportunity.”

SHORTS

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Winners for Switzerland County were: Laryssa Smith, girls 100 dash, 18.04; Aubrey Craig, girls high jump, 4-6; girls 400 relay, 56.97; Aiden Green, boys 200 dash, 27.23;

Nathan Hamblen, boys 400 dash, 1:01.45; Calvin Ward, boys 1600 run, 5:36.55; Kyson Marlette, boys 110 hurdles, 19.11; boys 400 relay, 52.94; and boys 1600 relay, 4:13.59.

Shawe’s John Paul Guetig won the boys high jump at 5 feet even.

• Southwestern suffered a 5-0 loss to Scotts-

burg in middle school girls tennis Wednesday.

In singles, Olivia Johnson lost 8-3, Bristol Bowman lost 8-0 and Ella Spry lost 8-1. In doubles, Molly Bruce and Josie Peck lost 8-0, Aleeyah Brooks and Sydney Lutz lost 8-0 and Alyssa Etherton and Airabella Beebe lost 6-0 in exhibition.

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Pacers oust top-seeded Cavs 114-105 to reach Eastern finals

BY JOE REEDY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Indiana coach Rick Carlisle put it best in summing up his team’s finishing punch in the Eastern Conference semifinals. “The winning team writes the script,” he said.

The Pacers’ 114-105 victory over the Cavaliers in Game 5 on Tuesday night was similar to the first two games of the series. Cleveland jumped out to a big first-half lead, but Indiana’s quick tempo eventually took a toll.

“I have to give our guys credit, they earned this,” Carlisle said. “This was one of the best teams in the league. I’m sorry their season had to end like this. They had the perfect season, and we came along and were hot at the right time.”

Tyrese Haliburton scored 31 points and Pascal Siakam added 21 as the Pacers reached the conference finals in consecutive years for the first time since 2013-14.

Donovan Mitchell, who missed the second half of Sunday’s game due to a sprained left ankle, led Cleveland with 35 points. Evan Mobley added 24 points and 11 rebounds. The top-seeded Cavs swept their first-round series against Miami, but were unable to match up against the up-tempo Pacers. “We were not favored in one game. The lowest point spread was 5½. That was something that fueled our guys, too,” Carlisle said.

The fourth-seeded Pacers will now await the winner of the matchup between the Boston Celtics and New York Knicks. New York leads 3-1 with Game 5 on Wednesday night in Boston.



AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki

Indiana Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton, left, celebrates along with forward Pascal Siakam after scoring during the second half in Game 5 of an Eastern Conference semifinal NBA basketball playoff against the Cleveland Cavaliers on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in Cleveland.

Indiana rallied from a 19-point deficit in the first half and took control after halftime and won all three games at Cleveland’s Rocket Arena. It was the first time since a 2005 first-round series against Boston that the Pacers won three road games in a playoff series. The Cavs dropped three home games in a postseason series for the first time.

“I love playing in this arena, man. We’re 0-3 at home. We let the city down,” Mitchell said. “This place is special. What hurts is that we didn’t get it done at home.”

Cleveland stormed out to a 44-25 lead with 8:10 remaining in the second quarter, but Haliburton had five of his six 3-pointers in the period as the Pacers got within 56-52 at halftime. “We didn’t

panic after that rough start to the first quarter. We talked about how we knew that they were going to throw a haymaker there. But I thought we weathered the storm the right way and got going from there,” Haliburton said.

Indiana then shot 14 of 22 from the field in the third quarter, when it had a 17-2 run, to go up 85-76 going into the final 12 minutes.

The Cavs shot 38.9% for the game and were a woeful 9 of 35 on 3-pointers. Mitchell and Darius Garland were a combined 12 of 41, including 4 of 19 from beyond the arc. Mitchell’s 3-pointer got the Cavs within 106-103 with 1:27 remaining, but Indiana closed it out by scoring eight of the final 10 points.

Pacers making confident run in tourney in playoffs

BY JOE REEDY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Andrew Nembhard and the Indiana Pacers were just happy to make the Eastern Conference Finals last year.

After two straight convincing series victories and with a wide-open chase to the NBA title, the Pacers are going to be more confident this time around.

“Last year was more new for us. We were all kind of just excited and maybe too complacent to be here.

“Now we want to push the limit and see what we can do,” Nembhard said after Indiana eliminated Cleveland on Tuesday night with a 114-105 victory in Game 5 of their semifinal series.

The fourth-seeded Pacers now get to rest as they await either the Boston Celtics or New York Knicks. New York has a 3-1 advantage in the series with Game 5 on Wednesday night in Boston.

If the Knicks close out the series on Wednesday, the conference finals will begin on Monday at Madison Square Garden.

If it gets extended, Game 1 would be on May 21 with Indiana on the road.

“We’re talking about eight more wins for an NBA championship. It’s wide open and we have to keep believing,” Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. “We have a formula that works

for us when we are steadfast and believe in it.”

The Pacers had not been to the conference finals in consecutive seasons since 2013 and 2014, when they were knocked out both times by LeBron James and the Miami Heat.

Eventual NBA champion Boston swept the sixth-seeded Pacers in last year’s East finals. The Pacers, though, took two of three from the Celtics during this regular season.

If it is the Knicks, it would be the fourth time New York and Indiana have met in a conference final.

The Knicks won in 1994 and 1999 while the Pacers won in 2000.

New York took two of three games in the regular season.

“We still got a ways to go, but it’s a special feeling,” said Tyrese Haliburton, who had 31 points in the win and averaged 17.4 points and seven assists in the series.

Indiana had six players average in double figures in scoring in the series, and will count on that balance against its next opponent.

“It’s a balanced effort. We move the ball, have preached depth the last couple years and it’s paying off now,” Haliburton said.

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MLB lifts ban on Rose, Shoeless Joe, others

BY DAVID BRANDT
AP BASEBALL WRITER

It was more than 100 years ago that Shoeless Joe Jackson was among eight Black Sox banned from baseball for throwing the 1919 World Series. It's been more than 35 years since Pete Rose suffered the same fate after betting on the sport as a player and manager of the Cincinnati Reds in the mid-1980s.

So when baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred reinstated both players on Tuesday — making them eligible for the sport's Hall of Fame — it might feel like a sport that's softening its stance in the modern era of ubiquitous sports gambling. After all, a huge chunk of Americans can make legal wagers at gleaming sportsbooks or even while sitting on their couch using their cell phone. That would be a misread of the situation.

If anything, the game's integrity is even more important — and more tightly policed — than ever. Gambling on baseball is still as taboo as it was in 1919.

Rose and Jackson may get some posthumous honors after their careers were tarnished by their respective gambling scandals, but the damage to their reputations is done. Manfred changed the league's policy on permanent ineligibility, saying any bans would expire at death — a shift that impacts 17 former players, coaches and owners.

Under the Hall of Fame's current rules, the earliest Rose or Jackson could be inducted into the Hall of Fame would be 2028.

“Obviously, a person no longer with us cannot represent a threat to the integrity of the game,” Manfred said in his statement on Tuesday. “Moreover, it is hard to conceive of a penalty that has more deterrent effect than one that lasts a lifetime with no reprieve.” Manfred's office is still coming down hard on current players caught gambling on baseball.

San Diego Padres infielder Tucupita Marcano was banned permanently in 2024 for betting on the sport while four others were suspended for one year, even though the four others — who all placed their bets as minor leaguers — had wagered less than \$1,000.

Marcano was the first active player in a century banned for life because of gambling. If anything, the ease of sports gambling has raised the level of vigilance, with MLB partnering with betting companies to spot suspicious wagers.

Umpire Pat Hoberg was fired for sharing sports gambling accounts with a friend who bet on baseball. Ippei Mizuhara — the former interpreter for Japanese superstar Shohei Ohtani — was sentenced to nearly five years in prison after he stole almost \$17 million from the Los Angeles Dodgers player's bank account, partly to cover illegal gambling debts.

“The strict enforcement of Major League Baseball's rules and policies governing gambling conduct is a critical component of upholding our most important priority: protecting the integrity of our games for the fans,” Manfred said when suspending Marcano. “The longstanding prohibition against betting on Major League Baseball games by those in the sport has been a bedrock principle for over a century.”

Some are concerned this resolution for Rose and Jackson imperils the integrity of the sport. Rose's ban was signed by then-commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti, and his son, Marcus, said Tuesday that he was “incredibly disappointed” by Manfred's ruling. He called it “a very dark day for baseball, the country and the fans.”

“Without integrity, the game of baseball will cease to exist,” he said. “Without integrity, how will fans ever trust the purity of the game itself ever again? A purity built on the principle of fair

play.” For others, the juxtaposition of Manfred's posthumous leniency for Rose and Jackson and the harshness of Marcano's punishment seemed to strike the correct balance. “I've always maintained I think he should have been in the Hall of Fame a long time ago,” New York Yankees manager Aaron Boone said of Rose. “Again, not discounting what went on and how serious that I think that is, and maybe how that should have affected being with the club and all those things.”

“But when it came to the Hall of Fame, it felt pretty simple to me that he always should have been in there.”

It's a stance that has found increasing popularity over the years. Rose had one of the most productive careers in MLB history, and his nickname “Charlie Hustle” embodied so much of what made him a popular and successful player. He was a 17-time All-Star and holds records for hits (4,256), games (3,562), at-bats (14,053), plate appearances (15,890) and singles (3,215).

He was the 1963 NL Rookie of the Year, 1973 MVP and 1975 World Series MVP, and a three-time NL batting champion.

“Congratulations to Pete's family, his teammates, as well as his supporters who have waited many years for this

opportunity for consideration,” Philadelphia Phillies Hall of Fame third baseman Mike Schmidt said. Schmidt wrote a column for the AP in 2013 advocating for Rose's reinstatement.

Jackson was a .356 career hitter and one of the game's early superstars. He died in 1951, but remains one of baseball's most recognizable names in part for his depiction by Ray Liotta in the 1989 movie Field of Dreams. Now both players could be honored in Cooperstown by the end of the decade.



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MATTHEW E. HOCKER, ATTORNEY AT LAW
CAUSE NO.: 78C01-2504-EU-000011
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA.
Notice is hereby given that Eric Hagenauer was, on the 21st day of April, 2025, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Mark Hagenauer, Cause #78C01-2504-EU-000011, deceased, who died on the 26th day of July, 2022. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Vevay, Indiana, this 22nd day of April, 2025.
Karin S. Dutkiewicz
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Switzerland County, Indiana



STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2505-MI-448
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Luke Hadley
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Luke David Hadley, whose mailing address is 3587 Woodside Drive, Madison, IN 47250, in the Jefferson County, Indianan, hereby gives notice that Luke David Hadley has filed a petition in the Jefferson Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Luke David Schwebel. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on July 15, 2025 at 11:30am.
Luke Hadley, Petitioner
Date 5/8/2025
Tabatha Eblen, Clerk



STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
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IN THE JEFFERSON COURT
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Jacqueline S Waggoner
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
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Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on July 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
Jacqueline S Waggoner
Petitioner
Date 5/12/25
Tabatha Eblen, Clerk

The olive branch is welcome news for many baseball fans, but gambling on the sport remains one of its cardinal sins, even if placing a bet is easier than ever.

“To work your whole life to get to the major leagues in whatever role and then lose that over sports betting or

gambling, that's a huge penalty,” Manfred said last year. “I really, truly believe that we are in a better position to know what's going on today than we were in the old days where it was all illegal.”



STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE SWITZERLAND CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.
78C01-2504-EU-000012
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Notice is hereby given that on April 28, 2025, Shannon Long was appointed personal representative of the estate of James W. Callahan, deceased, who died on February 6, 2025.
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Karin S. Dutkiewicz
Clerk, Switzerland Circuit Court



NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Switzerland County Assessor will receive sealed bids for the services listed below at the Switzerland County Assessor's Office, Vevay, Indiana until 10 A.M. June, 16th 2025, and they will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Commissioners meeting at 5 pm at the Switzerland County Technology Center located at 708 W Seminary St, Vevay, IN 47043
The Switzerland County Assessor will contract for a Professional Appraiser to provide appraisal support for the 2026 Cyclical Reassessment of all residential, agricultural, commercial, industrial, exempt and utility parcels in Switzerland County.
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Specifications for this project which describes the scope of services to be provided and other terms and conditions will be available in the office of the Switzerland County Assessor.
The County Assessor reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to waive any irregularities in bidding. All bids may be held for a period not to exceed 30 days before the contract is awarded, during which time no bid may be withdrawn.
Stacey Mathews Switzerland County Assessor



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CAUSE NO:
39D01-2504-MF-000344
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To the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.
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An answer or other appropriate response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney with the Clerk of the Court for Jefferson County at: Clerk of Jefferson County Courthouse Madison, IN 47250 on or before the 22nd day of June, 2025, (the same being thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.
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NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY TOWN OF PATRIOT, INDIANA
Pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-3-1, notice is hereby given that the Town of Patriot, Indiana, will sell the following surplus real estate by sealed bid:
• **Property Address:** 420 4th Street, Patriot, Indian
• **Parcel Number:** 78-10-13-113-016-000-007
• **Legal Description:** The northwest half of 420 4th Street, Lot #126 in Bella Herrick's Addition to the Town of Patriot, as recorded Plat Book G, Page 363 in the Office of the Recorder of Switzerland County, Indiana.
A survey of the property is available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.
Bidding Process:
Sealed bids will be accepted for a minimum period of 30 days from the date of first publication of this notice. All bids must be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk's Office no later than June 27, 2025.
• **Minimum Bid:** \$30,000.00
• Bids must be delivered in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Bid for 420 4th Street" and include the bidder's name, contact information, and bid amount.
• The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
All bids will be opened at the Patriot Town Hall on July 1, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.. The highest responsible and responsive bidder will be awarded the sale in accordance with applicable laws.
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By Order of the Town of Patriot Date: _____
Linda Fisk
Town Clerk, Town of Patriot, Indiana

CHASING

FROM PAGE B4

Ganassi drivers have five Indy 500 wins, although Dixon is the only active driver with a victory in the big race.

But Alex Palou, his teammate, has opened this season with four wins in five races including last Saturday on the road course at Indy.

Palou has won the last two IndyCar titles and three of the last four, and Ganassi has 16 total IndyCar championships.

That alliance has been a massive boost for MSR.

“We have a different partnership now, which really, really helps,” Castroneves said.

“I'm noticing the difference and I'm happy we were able to do that.

“They don't win races or championships because they're lucky.”

PENSKE SHINES DESPITE RAIN

Team Penske was fastest on opening day of practice for the Indianapolis 500, a day shortened at the front and back end because of weather.

Will Power and two-time defending Indy 500 winner Josef Newgarden went 1-2 in Chevrolets for Penske in Tuesday's abbreviated session.

Cars ran only about three hours, first because of morning rain and then a lightning strike ended the session with about 30 minutes remaining.

Power turned a lap at

227.026 mph around Indianapolis Motor Speedway, while Newgarden went 226.971 mph.

Alex Palou, winner of four of the first five races this season and the current IndyCar points leader, was third fastest for Chip Ganassi Racing.

The Honda driver is the two-time reigning IndyCar champion and has won three of the last four series titles.

He went 226.673 mph.

He was followed by Ganassi teammate Scott Dixon and then Scott McLaughlin, another Penske driver.

Four-time Indianapolis 500 winner Helio Castro-neves was sixth fastest for Meyer Shank Racing, and new father Alexander Rossi, who welcomed his first baby last week, was seventh fastest.

The birth of Rossi's son was a surprise to many in the industry as he and wife, Kelly, deliberately did not reveal her pregnancy to many people.

“Because why would we?” he asked.

The boy, named Benjamin Kenneth, was born last Wednesday.

His first name was the only name they could decide on, and his middle name is after her late father.

Marcus Armstrong of Meyer-Shank was eighth fastest, Marcus Ericsson, a former Indianapolis 500 winner, was ninth, and Marco Andretti, in his only scheduled IndyCar race of the season, was 10th for Andretti Global.

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Bengals All-Pro Hendrickson vents contract frustration

BY CHARLIE GOLDSMITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — A text from head coach Zac Taylor led Bengals All-Pro defensive end Trey Hendrickson to head to Cincinnati, attend Tuesday’s optional team practice as a spectator and speak to reporters.

Hendrickson, entering the final year of his contract, has been seeking a new deal and also requested a trade. The Bengals’ front office hasn’t matched what he’s looking for.

On Monday, Taylor texted Hendrickson that he’d be fined if he didn’t report to mandatory minicamp next month.

That message frustrated Hendrickson, who held court with local reporters for 20 minutes during Tuesday’s practice.

“A little bit transpired between me and Zac,” Hendrickson said. “We’ve tried to keep it the least amount personal as possible, but at some point in this process it’s becomes personal. Being sent 30 days before

mandatory camp or how many ever days it is that if I don’t show up I will be fined alludes to the fact that something won’t get done in that time frame.

“The lack of communication post draft made it imminently clear to my party — meaning my wife, my son and my agent, a small group of people — that this might not work out.”

Hendrickson led the NFL with 17 1/2 sacks last season and was selected as an All-Pro. He said that as the defensive end market escalates, he’s looking for a new contract that matches what top pass rushers are getting paid.

Hendrickson is scheduled to earn \$15.8 million in base salary and has a cap number of \$18.7 million.

The Bengals haven’t budged from their stance, and the two sides haven’t been able to find a middle ground. That’s led to frustration coming from Hendrickson, who released a statement to ESPN on Monday about the lack of communi-

cation since the NFL draft concluded on April 26.

“I think over the last week or so, it’s become personal unfortunately,” Hendrickson said. “When there’s a lack of communication in any relationship, where it’s a business or personal relationship, lack of communication leads to animosity, and that leaves my narrative only to me with no clear direction.”

“So, the lack of direction, the lack of communication is leading me to things that are allowing me to think about what’s going to happen more than how great they’ve treated me over the last four years.”

Taylor and the Bengals’ front office and ownership weren’t made available for comment on Tuesday.

Bengals executive vice president Katie Blackburn said during the league meetings in late March the ball was in Hendrickson’s court to agree to a deal.

“I think some of it is on him to be happy at some point, and if he’s not, that’s what holds it up some-

times,” she said. “It takes him to say yes to something. We have all the respect in the world for him. He’s been a great player. We’re happy to have him.”

Hendrickson said that he wouldn’t be willing to play in 2025 without a new contract. He’s uncertain about what his future with the Bengals will look like.

“I can’t control the narratives,” Hendrickson said. “That is one thing I found through this whole process. The way I feel is not being conveyed. I definitely am disappointed, I love Cincin-

nati. It’s this weird dilemma. Players go through it a lot more often. I am just not going to let fear overtake me to do something and also give me a platform to glorify God in the good and in the bad. I am very blessed. The perspectives I can’t control. I’m a football player. I’m itching to play football.”

While both sides appear to be deadlocked, Hendrickson did say he thinks the current relationship with the Bengals can be repaired over time with a new deal. Hendrickson cited Myles Garrett’s demands to be

traded out of Cleveland earlier this year before he agreed to a extension worth \$160 million, including \$123.5 million guaranteed.

“He’s done great things for his family and obviously providing on and off the football field. He’s tremendous. But I think that relationship will repair with time. And same with this,” Hendrickson said.

“This is just the uncomfortable business side that we’ve unfortunately had to deal with for the last couple years, and, quite frankly, I think we’re all spent.”

RONEY

FROM PAGE B1

“I feel like I’ve taken pretty big jumps in terms of skill.

“I really locked in and went to a lot of camps this summer and I also joined a club team ... and those experiences have just like skyrocketed my level of play,” Roney said.

His love for volleyball quickly surpassed his love of soccer.

Although an outstanding defender in soccer, volleyball gives Roney a chance to be the aggressor for a

change, something that he loves.

“I just like the energy. I just like getting to play and just do something significant on offense, something that I really don’t get to do in soccer,” said Roney, who added with a smile.

“Plus, I’ve never gotten clips in soccer like I do in volleyball.”

The decision to go to Wittenberg was an easy one.

The Tigers are an established program and went 20-11 this past season. Coach Jamie Peterson put Roney’s mind at ease.

“I think it’ll definitely be an adjustment, and I have

no idea what the competition there is going to bring, but I know playing in club is definitely going to help with that a lot, and I imagine it’ll be similar to that difficulty-wise,” Roney said.

“But I’m really excited. I’m excited to learn from the guys on the team that have been playing for a lot longer than I have, and everything they can offer.

“And Coach Jamie seems great, and I’m excited to have her coach me.”

Roney plans to major in political science at Wittenberg with an eye on becoming a lawyer.

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